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BUDGET WEDDINGS

The Food Was the Bride's 'Something Borrowed'

A newlywed couple are behind bars after police say they were caught shoplifting food from a supermarket for their wedding reception. Arthur Phillips III and Brittany Lurch were arrested Saturday after taking more than $1,000 in merchandise from a Wegmans in Patton Township, Pa. The pair told officers they'd been married a couple days earlier and took the food for their wedding reception that afternoon. **(AP)**

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Illegal Snake Traders: You MUST NOT Be Ticklish

Police on Tuesday arrested an Arizona man accused of stealing several baby albino boa constrictors at a pet store by stuffing them in his shorts. Eric Fiegel then traveled to another pet store and traded several of the snakes for $175 and a large reptile tank. **(AP)**

DRESS CODE

'We Draw the Line At Jeggings, However'

Students in Pennsylvania have gotten approval to remain fashion-forward. Catasauqua Area School District approved a revised dress code this week that allows skinny jeans. The tight-fitting jeans had been banned under an earlier dress code. Parents complained they were having a hard time finding jeans that wouldn't be banned under the district's definition. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

AP

WHERE'S THE OLD BAY? A guest admires a motorcycle made of lobster shells Tuesday at a lecture given by Taiwanese food carving artist Huang Mingbo in Fuzhou, China. **(AP)**

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Irene Barrels Toward East Coast

Hurricane threatens up to 65M people along 1-95 corridor

Buxton, N.C.

A nightmare Hurricane Irene barreled toward the Eastern Seaboard on Thursday, sending thousands of vacationers fleeing and threatening up to 65 million people from the Carolinas to New England.

The Category 3 storm with winds of 115 mph — the threshold for a major hurricane — would be the strongest to strike the East Coast in seven years, and people were already getting out of the way.

Tens of thousands fled North Carolina beach towns, farmers pulled up their crops, and the Navy ordered ships to sea so they could endure the punishing wind and waves in open water.

All eyes were on Irene's projected path, which showed it bringing misery to every city along the I-95 corridor, including New York and Boston. Max Mayfield, the former chief of the National Hurricane Center said the damage will probably climb into billions of dollars: "This is going to have an impact on the United States economy."

It is a massive storm, with tropical-force winds extending almost twice as far as normal, about the same size as Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in 2005.

"It's not going to be a Katrina, but it's serious," said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel. "People have to take it seriously."

The governors of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New York and New Jersey declared emergencies to free up resources, and authorities all the way to New England urged residents in low-lying areas to gather supplies and learn the way to a safe location.

Irene was expected to come ashore Saturday in North Carolina with 115-mph winds and a storm surge of 5 to 10 feet. It could dump a foot of rain, with as much as 15 inches falling in some places.

"One of my greatest nightmares was having a major hurricane go up the whole Northeast coast."

— **MAX MAYFIELD,** THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER, ON HURRICANE IRENE'S EXPECTED PATH.

Scientists predict Irene will then chug up the coast. Some forecasts showed it taking dead aim at New York City before weakening and trudging through New England. If the storm strikes New York, it will probably be a Category 1 or 2 there, depending on its exact track.

Hurricanes are rare in the Northeast because the region's cooler seas tend to weaken storms as they approach. In a normal hurricane, tropical storm-force winds extend about 150 miles from the eye. Irene's winds extend nearly 250 miles. **MITCH WEISS (AP)**

LYNNE SLADKY/AP

A man walks along the waterfront Thursday as Irene passes to the east of Nassau on New Providence Island in the Bahamas.

NYC Plans for Irene's Arrival

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said that he expected to make a decision by late Friday whether residents in the city's so-called "Zone-A" would need to evacuate ahead of the storm that's now expected to hit the city Sunday. That zone includes neighborhoods such as Battery Park City, Coney Island in Brooklyn and Far Rockaway in Queens. Bloomberg said he would issue a forced evacuation only in the worst of circumstances. **(AP)**

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An Apple for All Tastes

The one-time outlier transformed into a cultural trendsetter

San Francisco

It's easy to forget now, but Apple's magnetism was once confined to a cult-like following of geeks seduced by the elegance and simplicity of the company's computers.

Over the past decade, though, Apple has emerged as a trendsetter and a wealth-making machine — the rare company that appeals to the cool cats hanging out in hip cafes and the fat cats looking to make another killing on Wall Street.

In the process, Apple has left an indelible mark that extends far beyond that first personal computer Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak introduced 35 years ago. Since then, Apple has transformed the music, retailing, marketing and cellphone industries. Now, it's engineering yet another evolution in computing with the increasingly popular iPad.

Those achievements have endeared Apple to the masses, turning its product announcements into the technology industry's latter-day version of a Beatles concert and turning its familiar logo into an emblem of exquisite taste.

The last test of Jobs' genius may come as he tries to pass the torch to his successor after his resignation as CEO on Wednesday. He believes he has found the right guy in Tim Cook, with whom he has worked closely since 1998. The collaboration doesn't necessarily have to stop, given that Jobs is still an Apple chairman.

Still, it's hard not to shake the feeling that this may be the beginning of the end of an era — both for technological zealots trying to figure out when the iPhone 5 is coming out and nervous investors wondering whether to buy or sell the company's stock. (AP)

Jobs: A Tough Act to Follow

Part visionary, showman and uncompromising taskmaster, Steve Jobs assembled a team at Apple that had an incredible knack for anticipating consumer trends and popularizing them by designing devices that were easy and fun to use. In the past decade, the iPod, iPhone and iPad have transformed society, enabling people to bring along their favorite music, books, videos and websites almost everywhere they go. In the process, they inspired countless imitators and ensured that Jobs, who resigned Wednesday, will be remembered as one of the most successful CEOs in American history. (AP)

Report: Vaccines Generally Safe

Washington

Vaccines can cause certain side effects but serious ones appear very rare — and there's no link with autism and Type 1 diabetes, the Institute of Medicine says in the first comprehensive safety review in 17 years.

The report released Thursday isn't aimed at nervous parents. And the side effects it lists as proven are some that doctors long have known about, such as fever-caused seizures and occasional brain inflammation.

Instead, the review comes at the request of the government's Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, which pays damages to people who are injured by vaccines.

"All health care interventions, however, carry the possibility of risk and vaccines are no exception," said pediatrician and bioethicist Dr. Ellen Wright Clayton of Vanderbilt University, who chaired the institute panel.

Still, the report stresses that vaccines generally are safe, and it may help doctors address worries from a small but vocal anti-vaccine movement. Some vaccine-preventable diseases, including measles, are on the rise. (AP)

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The percent of teen girls in the U.S. who have taken the controversial vaccine against cervical cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (AP)

ADDITIONS

In Other Words

Here's something for your Twitter feed: "Tweet" has a new definition in the Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary. The wordsmiths at the Springfield, Mass.-based dictionary publisher updated that entry and added others, they revealed Thursday. Newcomers include "helicopter parents," "boomerang child" and "bromance" and "fist bump." (AP)

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The price tag of the investment that Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway announced Thursday that it would invest $5 billion in Bank of America Corp, giving a much-needed vote of confidence in the struggling bank. (AP)

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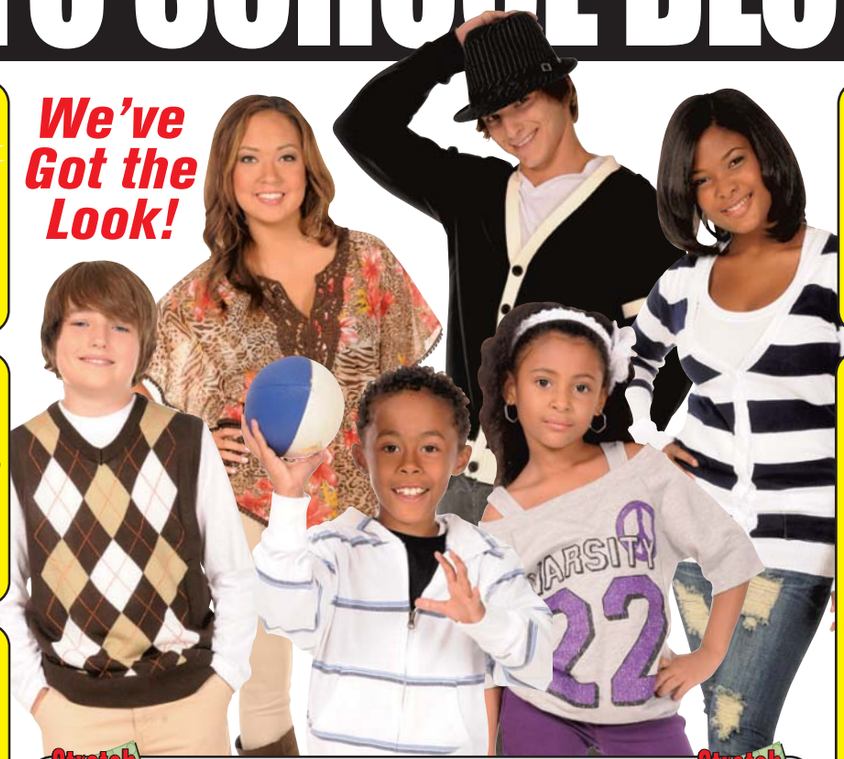

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Rebels grab boxes of ammunition Thursday from Moammar Gadhafi's compound in Tripoli as opposition fighters moved out of Ras Lanuf, Libya, to root out regime loyalists.

Gadhafi: A Bizarre, Brutal Reign

Rebel uprising ends 41 years of an odd, iron grip on Libya

Washington

The fall of Moammar Gadhafi ends the rule of one of the most mercurial and menacing figures in recent history — the "mad dog" sponsor of international terrorism who allied himself with the George W. Bush administration's war on terror; the pan-Arabist who at one time or another alienated nearly all of his Arab brethren; and the self-styled revolutionary philosopher who, in the end, was just another violent dictator clinging to power.

With his trademark sunglasses, flowing robes and jut-jawed insouciance, Col. Gadhafi — who bestowed the rank on himself after seizing power in 1969 — has long been one of the world's more recognizable figures.

For many Americans, he is also the reviled author of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people. And in the wake of Sept. 11, fearing U.S. anger and needing international investment after years of sanctions, Gadhafi made himself over as a friend of the West, disavowing weapons of mass destruction and sharing intelligence on al-Qaeda.

Oliver Miles, a former British ambassador to Libya, called Gadhafi a conspirator who thought it important that "nobody could guess what he could do next" and who became one of the world's longest-serving rulers until rebels drove him from power this week.

The rapprochement with the West culminated in 2009, when Gadhafi was invited as a guest to a summit of the Group of Eight in Italy. He even shook hands with President Obama.

But there was little political reform, though Gadhafi continued his one-man rule atop a system that purported to delegate power.

"One day, the whole world will be a republic of masses, topple down all governments and parliaments," Gadhafi said in 2004.

After 41 years, that day has arrived for Gadhafi. PETER FINN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Meanwhile ...

Though the Libyan rebels have captured Moammar Gadhafi's compound and seized most of the capital of Tripoli, the rebels know they cannot declare a full victory in the six-month-old war as long as Gadhafi has not been captured or killed. There was no sign of the leader or his sons, though Gadhafi broadcast a new audio message Thursday urging his supporters not to "leave Tripoli for the rats." (AP)

Celebrated Political Cartoonist Brutalized by Gunmen in Syria

Beirut

A renowned political cartoonist whose drawings expressed Syrians' frustrated hopes for change was grabbed after he left his studio early Thursday and beaten by masked gunmen who broke his hands and dumped him on a road outside Damascus.

One of Syria's most famous artists, Ali Ferzat, 60, earned international recognition and the respect of many Arabs with stinging caricatures that infuriated dictators including Libya's Moammar Gadhafi and, particularly in recent months, Syria's autocratic Assad family.

He lay badly bruised in a hospital bed, with a singed beard, on Thursday evening, a stark reminder that no Syrian remains immune in the regime's crackdown on a five-month uprising.

Ferzat, who had become a vehement critic of the regime, said the gunmen told him "this is just a warning," as they beat him, a relative said.

"We will break your hands so that you'll stop drawing," the men said, according to the relative.

Rights groups said Assad's forces have killed more than 2,000 people since mid-March. (AP)

Backstory

Ali Ferzat, 60, published in 2000 the country's first private newspaper in decades, a satirical weekly. It was an instant hit, but was soon shut down. Ferzat then posted cartoons on his private website. (AP)

In Brief

BERLIN

Forbes Names Merkel Top Woman in the World

Merkel

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has reclaimed her status as the world's most powerful woman, with Forbes magazine hailing her as the European Union's "undisputed" leader. According to the list released Thursday, Merkel bumped U.S. first lady Michelle Obama from the top spot, reclaiming a post she held from 2006 to 2009. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was No. 2 ont he list, and Obama fell to No. 8. (AP)

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

Tricycle Bombing Kills 11 In Northwest Pakistan

A bomb planted in a child's tricycle exploded outside a shop in northwestern Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least 11 people and wounding 23, police said. The attack occurred in the main bazaar in the town of Risalpur in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said. No group claimed responsibility for the attack. (AP)

POLITICS

Cards Cut off Syria

Visa and MasterCard credit cards are no longer valid in Syria under new U.S. sanctions targeting Damascus because of its deadly crackdown on a 5-month-old uprising, officials said Thursday. The ban on using the cards is part of a push to pressure the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad, further isolating the nation in hopes that an economic squeeze bring about the end of Syria's bloody crackdown. (AP)

World

U.S. Brings Its Fight To Afghan Airwaves

Military employs DJs to counter messages from the insurgency

Paktika Province, Afghanistan

In rugged Paktika province, where news travels almost exclusively by radio, the man who calls himself DJ Abed Lawang is one of the biggest names on the airwaves.

But there's one fact he has never told his listeners: He broadcasts from a U.S. Army base, delivering messages written by U.S. officers. He is one of dozens of DJs engaged in what the U.S. military considers a crucial operation: persuading Afghans in an insurgent-dominated area to embrace Afghan and NATO forces.

The commentary is not always well received; he uses the pseudonym for protection, but said he would not mind if his name, Noor Jan Mangal, were published.

"Afghan and [NATO] personnel take every step to prevent civilians from being hurt while conducting operations," Mangal, 23, said on a recent broadcast.

As U.S. forces prepare to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014, the war is as much about information as it is about fighting ability. It's a contest that U.S. and Afghan forces have often lost, but U.S. forces have found new hope in an old medium.

About 92 percent of Paktika residents listen to the radio daily, a U.S. military survey found. Officials built a strategy around that statistic, investing in radio stations.

"This has been by far the most effective way to get our message across," said Capt. Kurt McDowell, who leads the program in Paktika. "For us, the key is getting the truth out, and getting it out quickly." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Backstory

The U.S. radio campaign in Afghanistan has been a boon to the U.S. war effort, enabling the Army to advance its narrative. The U.S. has spent several million dollars on the program, which began in 2005. There are now about 100 U.S.-backed stations in the country. (TWP)

Palestinians Mourn Casualties in Gaza

MAHMUD HAMS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A FUNERAL PROCESSION for a Palestinian slain in an Israeli airstrike heads through Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip on Thursday. The violence surged last week when gunmen, apparently from Gaza, entered from Egypt and killed eight Israelis.

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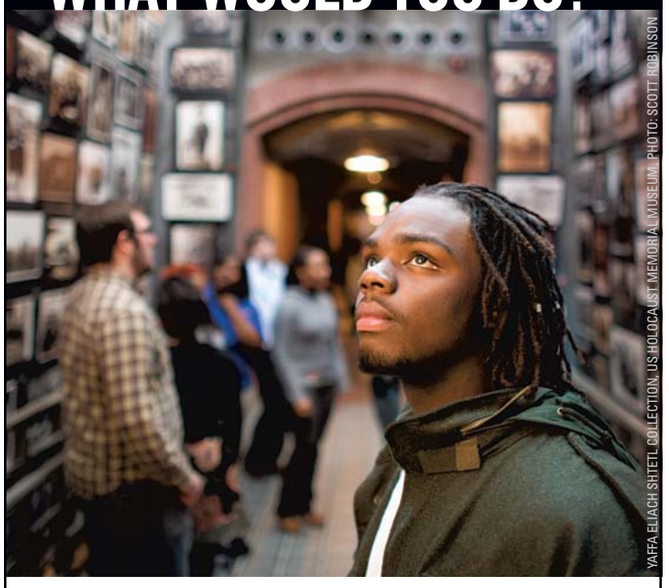

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Year in Training

People celebrate the day they were born and the day they got married, so it's only fair that I also get to mark the day of my first MARC commute. After all, it was exactly one year ago that I moved to Baltimore and began my new existence as someone with a 1½-hour trek to work (instead of a 10-minute walk), and I've spent nearly as much time with that train as I have with my husband. Kidding! Sort of.

Anyway, happy my commute -iversary! The traditional way to party for such an occasion, I believe, is to get some beers from the liquor store at Union Station and proceed to get wasted by the time we stop at Bowie State. But because the store's temporarily closed, I've come up with a back-up plan: sharing the lessons I've learned over the past year.

Sleep is awesome

I made an early vow that I would never let myself fall asleep on the train. I'd seen my fellow passengers snore, drool and even conk out on my shoulder, and I couldn't imagine joining them in dreamland. That is, until the day I'd taken a red-eye flight and couldn't fight my eyelids a second longer. When I woke up at Union Station, I didn't feel ashamed. I felt rested. And I've happily repeated my trip to the dark side. Word to the wise: Make sure you have a window seat, so you can rest your head on the glass, instead of your neighbor's lap.

Consider wearing a helmet

The downside of a window seat is the luggage rack that sits just inches above you. If you're not paying attention — like, say you've just awoken from a power nap — you will inevitably smack your skull when you get up to leave.

Make train friends

This was the very first rule taught to me by a longtime commuter, who was my very first train friend. She said it was important to have a community of people to rely on in case of disaster or boredom. Fortunately, I have yet to face a true transportation catastrophe, but a few weeks ago, a problem on Metro meant that instead of the 6:20 p.m. train, I'd have to take the 7:40. Who did I run into just as I got this news? Four train friends. We had a happy hour drink at Union Station before grabbing seats together for the ride home. It was a three-hour commute, but I hardly noticed.

By Vicky Hallett

I vowed I would never fall asleep on the train. When I broke that vow, I felt rested, not ashamed.

It's OK to avoid train friends

The problem with being social is the pressure to be social all the time — especially when you'd rather be napping or, more often in my case, scrambling to get work done. Those days, you don't have to feel bad about it. Head straight to the quiet car, where you'll get shushed for sneezing. It's not the friendliest atmosphere, but it's definitely the most predictable. And none of your true train friends will mind the next morning.

I'll miss it one day

There are plenty of nights I dread facing the trip home. The train ride can be crowded, stressful, smelly or all of those things. But it's also a time to read, catch up on email, sort out my thoughts, meet people and appreciate the fact that I'm not driving. I don't think I'm cut out to do this commute forever, but I'm looking forward to celebrating at least one more commute-iversary.

Local

In Brief

MARK GAIL/TWP

Charlie Sheen, before his show in April at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington.

WASHINGTON

Officer Fights Reprimand Over Sheen Police Escort

The former commander of a D.C. police division that provided a high-speed escort to actor Charlie Sheen from Dulles International Airport to a performance in Washington in April says he's challenging a departmental reprimand. Hilton Burton told AP he was offered a reprimand during a meeting Tuesday with a representative from the disciplinary review branch. But he says he's rejecting the punishment because he feels he didn't do anything wrong. **(AP)**

FAIRFAX, VA.

Oleszek Wins Democratic Supervisor Board Primary

Janet S. Oleszek has won the Democratic primary for the Board of Supervisors seat in the Braddock District, according to a recount by Fairfax County election officials. Officials called for the recount because of Tuesday's close vote between Oleszek and Christopher J. Wade, the general registrar said Wednesday. Oleszek, a former School Board member, won by 43 votes over Wade, a first-time candidate. **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

MCHENRY, MD.

Wisp Ski Resort Owners Mull Selling Off Property

The owners of Maryland's only ski resort say they're considering selling the landmark property to solve their financial problems. Karen Myers of McHenry says selling the Wisp Resort in western Maryland is the last option she and her partners in DC Development would pursue to repay more than $23 million to BB&T Corp. of Winston-Salem, N.C. **(AP)**

Irene Expected to Douse Region

Md., Va. both declare states of emergency for hurricane's arrival

Washington

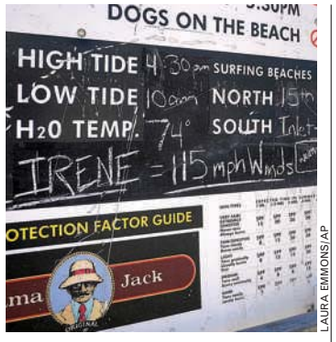
As Hurricane Irene gathered strength Thursday and churned north toward Washington, the governors of Maryland and Virginia declared states of emergency and officials in Ocean City ordered residents to evacuate.

The hurricane, a Category 3 storm, blew past the Bahamas on a path projected to take it up the Eastern Seaboard. It was expected to dump several inches of rain on the area Saturday as it moves up the Atlantic Coast.

At a late-afternoon news conference, Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, urged Marylanders in low-lying coastal flood zones to leave their homes this weekend and "stay with someone who loves them" as a "monster hurricane" approaches.

Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell, a Republican, declared a state of emergency, telling residents of low-lying areas in the eastern part of the state to be prepared to evacuate.

In the Washington area, wind should not be a significant issue, said Andy Woodcock, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sterling. "There are not going to be any 90-mph winds. Thirty to 40 is a possibility." **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**



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A lifeguard chair sign on the beach in Ocean City, Md., warns of Irene Thursday.

Meanwhile...

Metro spokesman Dan Stessel said Thursday the transit agency is participating in a conference call with the council of governments to "ensure coordinated response," he said. More than 2,000 sand bags are being placed at some Metro stations to prevent water from cascading down the escalators and into the stations. The sandbags have been placed at Cleveland Park, King Street, Southern Avenue, Navy Yard, Federal Triangle, Foggy Bottom, Largo Town Center and Stadium-Armory. They've had issues with flooding previously, officials said. **(TWP)**

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FARRAGUT NORTH IS ONE OF METRO'S BUSIEST STATIONS but it is falling apart: Ceiling tiles are broken and leaking from water damage, and floor tiles are missing. Workers are trying to repair things but they are behind schedule. Metro has repeatedly promised to complete the work, but deadlines keep getting pushed further away. | **postlocal.com**

Abortion-Rights Supporters Fear New Regulations

Richmond, Va.

Abortion-rights supporters are urging Virginia health officials to ensure that new clinic regulations do not unduly restrict women's access to abortions.

The state Health Department is expected to release emergency draft regulations Friday. The State Board of Health will vote on General Assembly-mandated regulations Sept. 15. Abortion-rights supporters have said the regulations could force most clinics in the state to close.

The draft regulations will take effect Jan. 1. Health officials will then begin development of permanent regulations. **(AP)**

The Lotteries

Thursday, August 25

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	2-6-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-9-3
Mid-day Pick 4	0-9-7-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-1-8-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	4-12-15-21-33 (19)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	2-12-23-34-39-40

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-0-8
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	5-5-9
Mid-day DC 4	4-1-3-1
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	4-7-4-7
Mid-day D.C. Five	6-4-3-3-3
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	0-5-5-4-3
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	12-18-24-32-36 (1)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	9-7-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-2-4
Mid-day Pick 4	0-0-0-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-4-1-0
Mid-day Cash 5	2-3-6-15-20
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	5-9-18-19-23
Win For Life (Wed.)	2-4-5-8-14-29 (28)

Multi-State Games

Powerball	9-13-47-49-53 (39)
Power Play	5X

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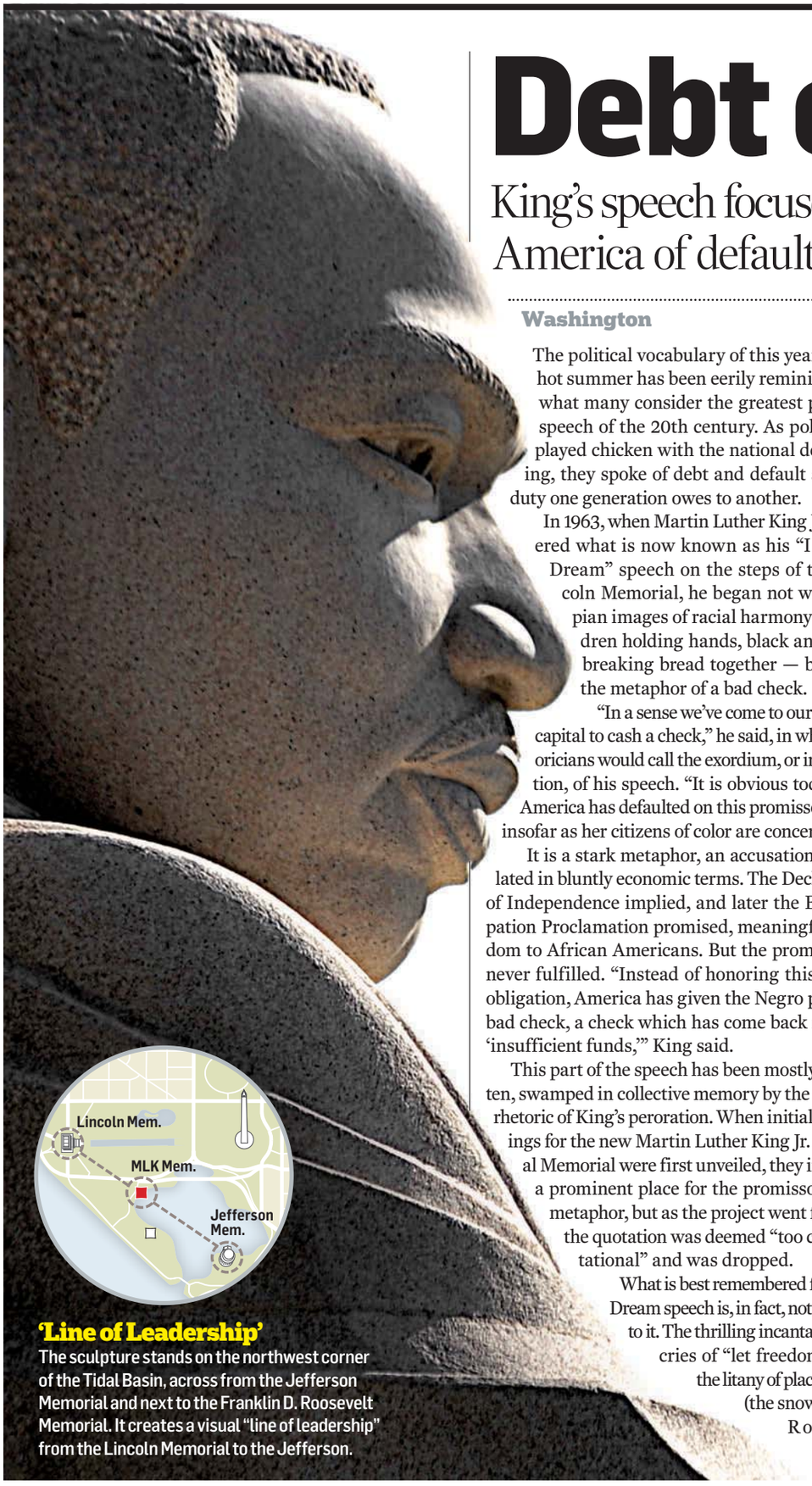
MLK Memorial



'Line of Leadership'
The sculpture stands on the northwest corner of the Tidal Basin, across from the Jefferson Memorial and next to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. It creates a visual "line of leadership" from the Lincoln Memorial to the Jefferson.

Debt of a Nation

King's speech focused on his dream, but it also accused America of defaulting on its promise of equality

Washington

The political vocabulary of this year's long, hot summer has been eerily reminiscent of what many consider the greatest political speech of the 20th century. As politicians played chicken with the national debt ceiling, they spoke of debt and default and the duty one generation owes to another.

In 1963, when Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what is now known as his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he began not with utopian images of racial harmony — children holding hands, black and white breaking bread together — but with the metaphor of a bad check.

"In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check," he said, in what rhetoricians would call the exordium, or introduction, of his speech. "It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned."

It is a stark metaphor, an accusation articulated in bluntly economic terms. The Declaration of Independence implied, and later the Emancipation Proclamation promised, meaningful freedom to African Americans. But the promise was never fulfilled. "Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds,'" King said.

This part of the speech has been mostly forgotten, swamped in collective memory by the soaring rhetoric of King's peroration. When initial renderings for the new Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial were first unveiled, they included a prominent place for the promissory-note metaphor, but as the project went forward the quotation was deemed "too confrontational" and was dropped.

What is best remembered from the Dream speech is, in fact, not original to it. The thrilling incantation, the cries of "let freedom ring," the litany of place names (the snowcapped Rockies, the molehills of Mississippi), the lines borrowed from the biblical books of Amos and Isaiah, the quotations from spirituals and patriotic songs — none of this material was original to the speech King gave on the Mall. Most of it was recycled, an impromptu decision by King to reuse some of the best applause lines he had tested only weeks earlier.

But the metaphor of the promissory note, which occurs rarely in King's other speeches and writing, was peculiar to his Washington speech, and it was an essential part of his argument. That it is forgotten speaks volumes about how King has been processed in the national memory, about the powerful amnesia that has allowed King to be sanctified as an anodyne saint of racial harmony, despite his radical message and his evolution, after the 1963 March on Washington, into a vigorous critic of militarism, materialism and capitalism. With the opening of a new monument to King on the nation's most symbolically significant land, King has been burnished into something almost unrecognizable, and the promissory note has disappeared from the record.

The strange oblivion that has settled over the first half of King's speech mirrors the oblivion that covers the man himself. For decades, as the contours of King's life became more clear, including his voracious sexual appetites and his too-frequent plagiarism, King's admirers and detractors have argued that we remember the man selectively. Vincent Harding, a historian and colleague of King, focuses on the Dream speech as the pivotal moment in

56% BLACKS
57% WHITES

The percentages of respondants in a Washington Post poll who think the U.S. has fulfilled MLK's "I Have a Dream" vision.

48%* BLACKS
52% WHITES

The percentages of respondants who think the U.S. can eventually achieve MLK's vision.
*Down from 84 percent in Jan. 2009, when Barack Obama was sworn in as the first black president.

89% BLACKS
62% WHITES

The percentages of respondants who said MLK's legacy is relevant to them today.

> **"In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned."**
>
> — **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**, IN THE INTRODUCTION OF HIS 'I HAVE A DREAM' SPEECH DELIVERED 48 YEARS AGO.

MLK Memorial

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. waves to the crowd at the National Mall for his march on Washington. Forty-eight years later, the MLK memorial is set to be dedicated.

our national amnesia. "Brother Martin spent a fair amount of time in jail," wrote Harding in 2003, "but his worst imprisonment may be how his own nation has frozen him in that moment in 1963."

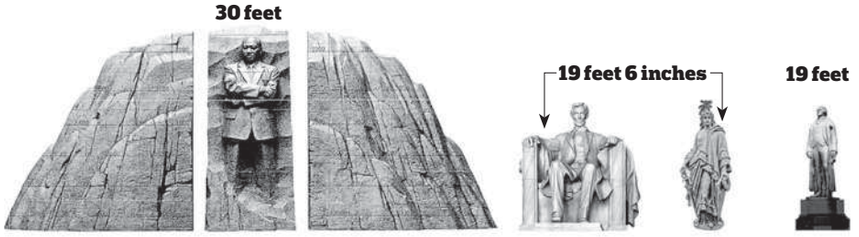
Underneath his image of the promissory note was a profound conviction that America was prosperous, and that its prosperity could yield a better, more equitable society. The metaphor of a check owed to African Americans was premised on King's refusal "to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation." He believed that "America, the richest and most powerful nation in the world, can well lead the way in this revolution of values."

Today, America feels poor, and the metaphorical landscape has shifted radically. The sense of being beleaguered by real debts is far more powerful than any lingering idea that we might be in one another's debt. As the country celebrates the opening of the King memorial, there is an angry sense that while financially we owe too much, ethically nobody owes anybody anything. It might have staggered King's imagination to learn that we now have an African American president. But it would have been even more overwhelming for him to imagine that in today's America, most people think the vaults, real and metaphorical, are all empty.

PHILIP KENNICOTT (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ROB CADY/THE WASHINGTON POST

The best view of King's statue is from the northwest side of the path that surrounds the Tidal Basin. Nearby, cherry trees overhang the path and the water. The memorial's main entrance is on Independence Avenue SW, where a new traffic signal and crosswalks will provide access. While this western side of the Mall puts a visitor in range of the King, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Korean War and Vietnam War memorials, travelers can easily get disoriented. Brown pylons point the way to the sites, but there are no pointers yet for the King memorial. Look for the small, white lettering by West Potomac Park that says, "Future site of Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial."



Hurricane Irene

The dedication of Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial was postponed indefinitely Thursday due to potential damage from Hurricane Irene. For the latest information, visit **Washingtonpost.com.**

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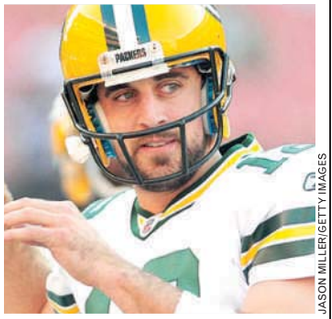

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Aaron Rodgers will play in Friday night's game but Peyton Manning won't.

Friday

7 P.M. The Nats get out of town before the hurricane to face the Cincinnati Reds. MASN2
8 P.M. Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers face the Indianapolis Colts, who will be without Peyton Manning. CBS

Saturday

7 A.M. Aston Villa plays Wolverhampton in the Premier League. ESPN2
NOON, 3 P.M. The international championship is followed by the U.S. title game at the Little League World Series. ABC
2 P.M. D.C. United plays host to the Portland Timbers. CSN
7 P.M. The Nats and Reds continue their series. MASN2
7:30 P.M. NASCAR's best race under the lights in Bristol, Tenn. ABC
8 P.M. The New England Patriots visit the Detroit Lions in a preseason game. CBS

Sunday

1 P.M. The Nats and Reds close out their series. MASN2
3 P.M. The Little League World Series championship takes place in Williamsport, Pa. ABC
4 P.M. The Mystics host the Phoenix Mercury. CSN
8 P.M. The New Orleans Saints visit the Oakland Raiders. NBC

1 The Return of Strasburg

Since Stephen Strasburg injured his elbow last August, the organization has been patiently waiting for the day the flame-throwing phenom once again climbs atop the mound at Nationals Park. That day could come next week, once Strasburg finishes his minor-league rehabilitation stint on Saturday in Syracuse. If Strasburg continues to round into form, he'll return next year as the ace of a rotation that has suddenly achieved respectability.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

It was September 2009 when Ian Desmond arrived in Washington, fresh from six seasons in the minors. He hit .280, belted four home runs and parlayed that success into the starting shortstop job in 2010. Last September, Danny Espinosa arrived. He hit six home runs in 28 games and flashed a slick glove, and this season the second baseman has been one of the most promising rookies in baseball. So when September rolls around next week and rosters expand and the regular season begins winding down, for the Nationals, the time represents far more than just four weeks of playing out the string. It's where the future begins to take shape. Here are five things to watch for in September. DEREK TURNER

2 The Lombardozzi Effect

On the heels of Desmond's and Espinosa's breakout Septembers, the Nationals are expected to call up middle infielder Steve Lombardozzi, who has hit a combined .314 between Class AA Harrisburg and Class AAA Syracuse. He's got a good glove and perhaps, most importantly, he's a leadoff hitter. The Nationals remain high on both Desmond and Espinosa, despite low batting averages this season. But a good showing in September could cement a spot for Lombardozzi in Washington next season, perhaps freeing the team to include Desmond in an offseason trade package for pitching depth or a center fielder.

Lambordozzi

3 More Young Arms

Hard-throwing righty Brad Peacock (14-3, 2.48 ERA in Syracuse and Harrisburg) and pinpoint lefty Tom Milone (11-6, 3.33 ERA in Syracuse) are expected to get an extended look. There are only one or two spots to fill in the 2012 rotation, so the competition will be very real.

4 Morse Back to Left

When first baseman Adam LaRoche returns from his shoulder injury next season, the club expects to shift Michael Morse back to the outfield. Given that Morse's breakout season was forged entirely after he took over for LaRoche at first, the Nationals want to be sure that the move back to the outfield doesn't affect Morse's mindset and undermine the gains he's made this year. They'll test things out next month by moving him to left field and giving playing time at first base to Chris Marrero, a 2006 first-round draft pick who is hitting .299 with 14 home runs at Syracuse.

5 Winning and Developing

The Nationals certainly want to see what they have in their young call-ups, but they are also within striking distance of finishing third in the National League East and posting a .500 record for the first time since 2005. Manager Davey Johnson has insisted that developing young players and winning ballgames are not mutually exclusive concepts. He'll get the chance to prove it.

Swengali

Flanagan's Death A Stunning Loss

Rumor has it that I'm a journalist — heck, my wife even refers to me as "The Journalist."

Now that's supposed to mean that I don't take sides. But let's get real: You can't cover sports if you're not a fan.

Despite what some readers may say, I've always rooted for any team with Washington in the name.

By Matt Swenson

But when I was growing up, the Nationals were still the Expos. So the Orioles were my team, as they were for many children of the '80s.

Cal Ripken was my hero, of course. He was the Orioles. But Mike Flanagan ranked really high up there on my list of favorite players — and then favorite television announcers.

[Flanagan] seemed too young to die, too talented to die, too funny to die. Yet he is gone.

The news of Flanagan's death at age 59 Wednesday night floored me.

He seemed too young to die, too talented to die, too funny to die. Yet he is gone in an apparent suicide.

While many Washingtonians like me have switched over to the Nationals, I suspect Flanagan's death stings a bit more in this area than the sadness being expressed across the country.

The emotions are a reminder of a different time, and not just when the Orioles were one of baseball's proudest franchises.

Baltimore was D.C.'s team, too. Flanagan, who threw the last pitches at venerable Memorial Stadium, was a huge part of that.

It feels like a part of my childhood just died. Thanks for the great memories, Flanny.

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United Eyes Playoff Positioning

Push for postseason spot begins with key game vs. Timbers

Major League Soccer

One quick look at the Major League Soccer standings is all that's necessary to understand how crucial the upcoming stretch of games is for D.C. United, starting with Saturday's home contest against the Portland Timbers.

With the new playoff structure, the top three teams in the Eastern and Western conferences get automatic playoff berths while the next four teams with the most amount of points, regardless of conference affiliation, earn spots in the 10-team postseason.

United (7-7-10, 31 points) stumbled last week in their chance to make headway in terms of the Eastern Conference's automatic berths, but the club is still in a favorable position, just a point off the pace set by Portland and New York for that final wildcard spot. D.C. has the luxury of having two more games to play than all of its three chief competitors, but the margin for error keeps shrinking.

"With 10 games to play, there are a lot of points still out there," D.C. forward Josh Wolff said. "There's a lot to play for. It's going to come down to the last week of the season, but it's a big game for us right now, a big opportunity at home."

The Timbers (9-12-5, 32 points) come to town as winners of two straight, including a victory on Wednesday night over another team in contention for that 10th and final playoff berth, Chivas USA — a team that D.C. will play twice in its next four games.

The last time D.C. and Portland met, United rookie forward Blake Brettschneider enjoyed a breakout game with two assists, and D.C. handed expansion Portland its first-ever home loss as an MLS team with a 3-2 result on May 29, snapping the club's five-game home winning streak.

Portland hit an extended funk after that but has rebounded nicely to make a charge for the playoffs in its inaugural year. **AVI CREDITOR**

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D.C. United handed the nascent Portland Timbers their first loss at home as an MLS club when the teams met in late May.

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To beat any impact from Hurricane Irene, D.C. United's game against the Portland Timbers has been moved to a 2 p.m. start instead of the scheduled 7:30 p.m. "If the weather comes in the way it may, then it makes it a bit more difficult to play soccer, but we've talked this week about whatever each game dictates, we have to be ready for that challenge," D.C. forward Josh Wolff said. The change has also affected non-game activities on Saturday, as the scheduled induction of Richie Williams into the D.C. United Hall of Tradition and Latin Fest have been postponed. **A.C.**

Coroner Rules Flanagan Committed Suicide

Pro Baseball

Former Cy Young award winner Mike Flanagan died of a self-inflicted shotgun wound to the head, the Maryland medical examiner ruled Thursday. A police investigation revealed that the 59-year-old pitcher was upset about financial issues. He left no note.

Flanagan's body was found Wednesday afternoon about 250 feet behind his home. An investigation showed he was home alone when he took his life.

Flanagan won the Cy Young Award in 1979 and helped the Baltimore Orioles win the 1983 World Series. After his retirement, he worked for the Orioles as a coach and in the front office before settling into a job as color commentator on the team's broadcast network.

Flanagan was scheduled to work this weekend's series against the New York Yankees.

"He was doing something he loved," said Jim Duquette, who teamed with Flanagan in the team's front office from 2005-07 to attempt to rebuild the Orioles.

WILL KIRK/AP

Mike Flanagan served as a color commentator for Orioles games this season.

According to police, Alex Flanagan last spoke to her husband about 1 a.m. Wednesday. She told police he sounded upset, and he promised he would talk to her later.

When Alex Flanagan did not hear from her husband, she called a neighbor to check on him. The neighbor went to the home and called 911 after failing to find him. Police discovered a body on the property but could not immediately determine the identity because the wounds were so severe. **(AP)**

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In Brief

PAUL CONNORS/AP

Danica Patrick announced on Thursday that she'll compete in NASCAR full time.

AUTO RACING

Patrick Making Jump From IRL to NASCAR

Danica Patrick is officially headed to NASCAR. After months of skirting speculation, Patrick announced Thursday that she's leaving IndyCar in 2012 to run a full Nationwide schedule with JR Motorsports and up to 10 Sprint Cup races for Stewart-Haas Racing. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Tigers Shut Out Rays, 2-0

Doug Fister allowed five hits over seven scoreless innings, Austin Jackson homered and the AL Central-leading Detroit Tigers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-0 Thursday. In defeat, Jeremy Hellickson became the first Rays' pitcher to strike out four batters in the same inning, accomplishing the feat during the third after Jackson reached base to start the inning on a third-strike wild pitch. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL May Add 8th Official

The NFL is experimenting with an eighth on-field official during a dozen preseason games. A deep judge, stationed in the middle of the field behind the secondary, also was used in eight exhibition games in 2010. There is no timetable for making the position a permanent part of officiating crews. (AP)

Late Redskins Game

The Redskins-Ravens preseason game ended after Express' deadline Thursday night. For results and analysis of the QB battle, visit washingtonpost.com/sports.

A Wide Open Championship

Injuries to Djokovic, others add intrigue to year's final major

Tennis

Novak Djokovic sat in his sideline chair and winced while his right shoulder was massaged and manipulated by a trainer.

Moments later, Djokovic resumed hitting slower-than-usual serves, slapping weak forehands into the net and falling further behind against Andy Murray in his last tuneup match before the U.S. Open.

On the CBS broadcast, Mary Carillo asked announcing partner and former No. 1 Jim Courier whether seeing Djokovic struggle so much changed his view that the Serb should be seen as the favorite to win the year's last Grand Slam tournament, which starts Monday.

"Not even remotely," Courier replied. "Not a scratch on the surface."

Yes, given how great — nearly perfect, actually — Djokovic's 2011 has been so far, plenty of people still figure he's the man to beat at the U.S. Open. Even with that tired and bothersome shoulder that eventually led him to quit during the final of the Cincinnati Masters last weekend.

MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

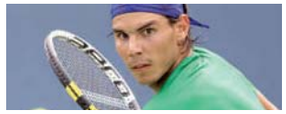
Novak Djokovic has been almost unbeatable when he's been healthy this year.

That went into the books as only Djokovic's second loss in 59 matches during a marvelous season that featured a 41-match winning streak and nine titles, including Wimbledon and the Australian Open.

"I mean, it's kind of expected. I've played so many matches this year. I mean, I've been winning, you know, a lot and reaching the final stages of each event," Djokovic said. "Considering the schedule that is very busy in tennis, it's kind of normal to expect that at some stage you are exhausted."

Considering all the ailments and assorted other issues that have hampered so many top tennis players lately, it probably would be appropriate if Djokovic is somewhat less than 100 percent fit. Even if his assessment was: "I am confident that I can recover and be ready." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Questions Abound



Rafael Nadal, the defending champion, has blisters on his left foot and tender fingers that he burned by touching a hot ceramic plate at a restaurant, of all things. Aside from that, there is his 0-5 record against Djokovic this year, all in finals, and upset losses at Montreal and Cincinnati.

Roger Federer, who counts five U.S. Open titles among his record 16 Grand Slam trophies, also exited relatively early at those two key hard-court tuneup tournaments. Now he is facing the real possibility of ending his streak of winning at least one major championship eight years in a row.

Serena Williams cited swelling in her right big toe while pulling out of the Cincinnati hard-court tournament, a far-less-worrisome problem than Djokovic's. Williams — who leads active women with 13 Grand Slam singles titles, including three in New York — is a popular pick in the women's field, even though she's seeded only 28th after missing nearly a full year with a series of health scares.

Hurricanes' Roster in Flux Amid Scandal

College Football

Sean Spence led the Miami Hurricanes in a pre-practice chant. Jacory Harris took his spot at the front of a stretching line, a place typically reserved for starters.

Say this for the 'Canes: They're trying to carry on some sense of business-as-usual.

Spence, Harris and all other Miami players implicated by claims that a rogue booster provided dozens of Hurricanes with extra benefits like cash, cars, gifts and sex for the better part of a decade returned to the practice field Thursday.

J PAT CARTER/AP

Miami coach Al Golden, center, presides over the Miami Hurricanes' practice Thursday.

Whether they play in the season opener at Maryland on Sept. 5 remains unclear, as the university works through the process of determining their eligibility. As a result, the depth chart for Week 1 is still anyone's guess.

"Hopefully we'll find out pretty quickly here in the near future if there are any penalties or suspensions, and we'll adjust accordingly" Miami coach Al Golden said. TIM REYNOLDS (AP)

PLUS: SECRETS OF THE PERFECT CHILDHOOD BEDROOM

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Buy This, Not That: Salvage shops help DIYers score nearly everything — even the kitchen sink **E4**

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Plants housed in unexpected settings — such as this greenery nestled inside geometric pots within a fireplace — bring quirky personality into indoor settings.

Living, Breathing Interior Accents

Skillfully placed plants help perk up your space

Decor

You could have the most perfect living room, with a soft and soothing color on the walls and the furniture placed just so. But if there's not a speck of greenery anywhere in the space, it might feel dull.

"A room with plants and flowers just looks more welcoming and homey," says Bethesda-based interior designer Lynn Madyson (Lynnmadysondesigns.com). "It looks lived in; it adds life to the room."

That's, of course, because plants and flowers are actual living organisms. But there are plenty of other reasons why it's worth introducing plants into your home decor, from their aesthetic appeal to the impact they can have on your health.

Plants look pretty, for one thing, and can bring color, depth and personality to a room. "They add a point of interest that helps to move the eye around the room or set off something that you want people to look at," says Dee Thornton, principal and senior designer at Alexandria-based Houseworks Interiors (Houseworksinteriors.com).

They also allow you to breathe a little easier, both literally and figuratively. All plants take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen, while some also absorb volatile organic compounds in the air. "And studies have shown that plants and flowers actually make people

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Perk Up Your Pad

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feel better and more productive," says Jean Nayar, author of "The Happy Home Project" (Filipacchi Publishing, $22).

But you shouldn't just stick a potted fern from the grocery store on an end table and call it a day. "You want to disperse the greenery throughout the room in sort of a triangle pattern, so that it's balanced," says Madyson. "It doesn't have to be single plants; you could have a group in one corner or a few plants behind a sofa."

> **"Just as skimpy curtains actually detract from a room, spindly looking plants don't really enhance a room."**
>
> — **JEAN NAYAR,** AUTHOR OF "THE HAPPY HOME PROJECT"

Almost any room can benefit from botanicals, whether it's a den with an empty corner just begging for a ficus tree or an office in need of the Zen-like vibe of a bonsai. "Just be sure to get a plant that

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Besides looking pretty in corners, leafy accents enhance indoor air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and volatile organic compounds and releasing fresh oxygen.

Gear for Growing

Think outside the pot and grow air ferns overhead in pieces from the Shane Powers Hanging Glass Bubble Collection ($9-$24; West Elm, 7866 L. Tysons Corner Center, McLean, Va. 571-633-0227, Westelm.com).

The industrial and natural worlds unite in the Steel Centerpiece Planter ($149) from Room & Board (1840 14th St. NW, 202-729-8300, Roomandboard.com).

Show off some beautiful blooms with the help of Crate & Barrel's Quadrant Plant Stand ($199-$249, Crateandbarrel.com).

Herbs are both pretty and practical. Grow your own in Sagaform's Herb Pot Duo ($38; Tabletop, 1608 20th St. NW, 202-387-7117, Tabletopdc.com).

You can't use it to make your own tequila. But Natural Decorations Inc.'s faux agave plant ($290) does add an easy-to-care-for touch of green to a room (Lynn Madyson Designs; 301-442-2940, Lynnmadysondesigns.com).

fits the scale of the space it's filling," says interior designer Taniya Nayak, an interior decorator and HGTV host. "Don't put one rinky-dink potted plant in a corner. Cluster some together, or choose one with the right volume and height to fill up the space accordingly."

Then again, don't go overboard at your neighborhood nursery. "My rule of thumb is to edit your furnishings judiciously, and I would say the same goes for plants," says Nayar. "Too many plants can make a room look cluttered and feel a little overwhelmed."

Even if you're not known for your green thumb, you can still find plants that will work for you. Choose ones that don't require the touch of a gardening guru to keep them alive, such as succulents, peace lilies, Chinese evergreens and spider plants. "Herbs are awesome," says Nayak. "If you have a window in the kitchen that gets good sunlight, herbs rock and are so great to plant."

Make sure to monitor live plants, removing dead leaves and wilted branches when necessary. "Just as skimpy curtains actually detract from a room, spindly looking plants don't really enhance a room," says Nayar.

So don't be afraid to toss any that have become lost causes. And if you wind up with a less-than-impressive track record in plant parenting, find something else that works for you.

"I travel all the time for work and can't be reliable when it comes to watering plants, so in my house I have a huge vase filled with sand, and nestled into that are tall birch poles," says Nayak. "I love it because I still have that sense of nature inside the house." And she doesn't have to worry about finding another casualty when she walks in the door. **BETH LUBERECKI**

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— **TANIYA NAYAK,** INTERIOR DESIGNER AND HGTV HOST

Faking It

Never fear faux foliage; the right artificial plants can add leafy lushness to your house or apartment. And as long as you don't skimp on quality, nobody will be the wiser.

"I suggest that whatever budget level you're at, invest in the best that you can," says interior designer Lynn Madyson. "Cheaper [fake plants] are not going to look as real. Try to get the most natural-looking color as possible, and stay away from any that are too twiggy."

Once you've found pieces that you like, find ways to give them a little more life. One idea: Move them around each season, suggests Dee Thornton, principal and senior designer at Houseworks Interiors. "The problem with artificial plants is that they never change," Thornton says. "They're always the same day after day, month after month."

And don't forget to dust your arrangements every once in a while. Some can be hosed down in the sink or shower, depending on what material they're made from.

Another pro tip: "Mix artificial plants in with real ones," Madyson says. "It kind of tricks the eye and people will think they're all real." **B.L.**

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Buying used furniture is a cinch. Vintage clothes are easy.

But shopping for reclaimed building materials — at the salvage shops found in the suburbs of most major cities— can be intimidating. All but the most DIY-inclined may be overwhelmed by used appliances, vintage cabinets and salvaged tile.

Yet buying salvage can do wonders for the environment and your wallet, with prices at salvage shops often pennies on the dollar, not to mention the unique and one-of-a-kind looks you can achieve with items that have so-called "character." We asked experts to share tips on how to make the most of your next salvage shopping trip, whether you're in the market for a used fridge or vintage tiles.

Appliances: Vintage appliances may look like a great deal, but forget washers, dryers and dishwashers that are more than five years old: You'd spend more on energy costs than you'd save at the cash register, says Ruthie Mundel, the outreach and education director at Community Forklift, a salvaged building materials warehouse in Edmonston, Md.

But an old fridge — and we mean a really old fridge, from the 1950s or earlier, with no automatic defrost — is a super buy, says John Lefever, co-owner of Alco Appliance, an appliance repair shop in Beltsville, Md. "If they were still made, I'm sure they'd have Energy Star stickers on them," he says.

Alco specializes in repairing modern appliances, but will consult with buyers of old appliances, too, especially stoves. Lefever warns that buying an old, non-working appliance and trying to restore it to working condition could be as difficult as restoring a car from the same era. Even though stoves and other appliances were made more sturdily (and have loads of character), "you can't just go to the parts place and snap in [a replacement]," he says. That said, most old gas stoves just need a good cleaning, he adds.

Avoid appliances with missing parts. A knob alone can cost up to $50.

Even for those with an experienced eye, buying a vintage appliance can be a gamble. It may be necessary to repurpose a purchase: "Somebody was buying gas stoves and using each of the burner areas as a place to put flowers," Mundel says.

Wood: Old window frames, floorboards and shelves last forever, Mundel says. "Wood can be used for 100 years. Get some old wood flooring and refinish it, and it's gorgeous. I have sworn off buying particle board ever again."

However, she has a few words of caution: Old wood is typically harder than modern pine, so "trying to get a nail or screw into it is harder." And lumber may have slightly different dimensions than you're used to. Modern two-by-four boards are smaller because of the drying process, but older two-by-fours might actually be two-by-four inches, Mundel says. Bring a ruler.

Depending on your planned use, the wood may need some extra work, says Joanne Palmisano, the author of "Salvage Secrets" ($40, W.W. Norton; out Sept. 12). If you're planning to turn vintage boards into flooring and you want a very smooth look, they'll need to be planed (a process that smoothes the boards into uniform planks), and that's worth leaving to the pros, she says.

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— **RUTHIE MUNDEL,** OUTREACH AND EDUCATION DIRECTOR AT COMMUNITY FORKLIFT

KEVIN DIETSCH

Brian Higgins, the owner of Hyattsville, Md.-based Green Home LLC, installs a recycled medicine cabinet as part of a bathroom renovation project at a home in Maryland, above. Higgins used salvaged tiles to remodel his client's shower, below.

KEVIN DIETSCH

Resources

SHOPPING:

- **Community Forklift**
  4671 Tanglewood Drive, Edmonston, Md.; Communityforklift.com
- **Habitat for Humanity Restore Gaithersburg**
  9100 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, Md.; Habitat-mc.org/restore
- **Habitat for Humanity Restore Chantilly**
  4262-G Entre Court, Chantilly, Va.; Restorenova.org
- **Habitat for Humanity Restore Alexandria**
  7770 Richmond Highway, Alexandria; Restorenova.org
- **Housewerks**
  1415 Bayard St., Baltimore; Housewerksalvage.com

REPAIR/INSTALLATION:

- **Alco Appliance**
  4416 Tonquil St., Beltsville, Md.; Alcoappliance.net
- **Green Home LLC**
  4651 Tanglewood Drive, Hyattsville, Md.; Greenhomellc.biz

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Adding a salvaged sink to your home is actually less daunting than it seems.

But "if you want that rougher look, you can just sand and polyurethane them," she says. "Take advantage of the experience and the knowledge of the people who you're buying from. Bring a picture and ask them, 'This is what I want it to look like; are these boards ready?'"

Tile: Measurements are equally crucial when buying vintage or salvaged tile — which can be an excellent bargain. Brian Higgins, the owner of Hyattsville, Md.-based Green Home LLC, recently remodeled a client's bathroom with all-salvaged tile and used cabinets. "It's very expensive to do the bathroom," Higgins says. "It saved them a lot of money to pay 50 cents a tile as opposed to ... some of those things at Home Depot, which are $10 a square foot."

If you don't have a pro to take with you to the store, don't worry. Mundel says it's not difficult to mix and match various tiles, as long as you find tiles that are the same thickness.

"It would be impossible to use various thicknesses of tile, because you would have to use different amounts of mud behind the thinner tiles in order to get a flat surface." Many customers like to mix different colors together or use one kind in the center of a room and a different kind for the border.

Lighting: Even though electricity can be scary to the novice, there's not too much to worry about when purchasing salvaged lighting, Palmisano says. The only thing to worry about is if the wires coming from the chandelier or sconce are wrapped in cloth — that means the wiring is very old and should be rewired for safety's sake.

"It's actually an incredibly affordable thing to do, whether you send it to somebody else or do it yourself," Palmisano says. "I just made four lamps this weekend."

Other than that, if the lights work (most salvage shops will let you test pieces to find out), it's a good buy.

Sinks: Replacing a tired bathroom sink and vanity is a "great DIY weekend project," says Palmisano. Avid DIYers can purchase a thrifted tabletop and set a salvaged sink atop it. "Then, you just need a little hole" to pass the drainpipe through — but it's best to let a plumber hook up the actual hoses, she says. For a recent sink renovation project she undertook at her sister's home, Palmisano and her sister did everything but the caulking and faucet installation.

With practice, a homeowner — especially a savvy one who carries a list of measurements and desired items in her back pocket — can develop an eye for seeing whether a salvaged item is worth buying. But, as Forklift's Mundel says, "the most amazing stuff I've seen has not been people who walk in and find one great piece. The most amazing thing is people who have the creativity to see what something could become."

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Kiddie Corners

A local designer offers tips on how to make your child's bedroom relaxing and personal

Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey believes the most important area of a home is the child's bedroom.

"Giving a child a sense of ownership in that space can really define who they are for the rest of their life," says Cavin-Winfrey, an Alexandria designer and principal of SCW Interiors (Scwinteriors.com). "It really imprints. Every child remembers their first room. It's something that they hang on to forever."

Cavin-Winfrey knows of what she speaks. The 39-year-old mother of two still remembers laying the foundation of her future career in her childhood room in Midland, Texas.

"I would design many rooms within my room," she says. As a kid, she created areas in her bedroom for a kitchen and an office.

Now Cavin-Winfrey uses her eye for detail to design homes in the Washington area and New Mexico, where she spent much of her childhood visiting family. Both regions have influenced her.

"There's not one thing about Santa Fe that doesn't inspire me," she says. "The light, the museums, the stores, the art galleries." When she needs some Washington-area inspiration, Cavin-Winfrey heads to Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center or Georgetown.

We spoke with Cavin-Winfrey about designing for kids.

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A children's room created by Alexandria designer Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey features ample built-in storage for toys and a trundle bed to accommodate guests.

What is the first thing a parent or guardian should do after deciding to design a child's bedroom?

Decide what the needs are for the space. Lay out a plan with how much storage you're going to need versus what size beds versus how many beds, night stands, that kind of thing. Assess and evaluate how many toys need to be stored, how many things need to be displayed on the wall.

What is most challenging about designing kids' rooms?

Storage issues. [Kids'] needs change monthly. They get new toys. They outgrow old ones. It's important you kind of project that when you start. You'll have to re-evaluate their use of the space probably every three to six months.

How can parents include kids in the decorating process?

Give your child one thing they are responsible for choosing. And limit it to a certain list such as bedding, the number of pillows they'll have on their bed, the lamps that they may have in their room. Make them responsible for one facet of the space, and it's something they'll tend to run with.

Maybe allow them to choose a special color for their ceiling. I think that's a space that's really underutilized.

If I really wanted my way in the space but the kid was really pushing, [I'd] allow the kid to pick a door in the room to paint. It's an easy fix. The door needs to be repainted in five years anyway.

Beds are the centerpiece of any bedroom. How can parents make a bed comfortable for sleeping and inviting for sitting?

Giving kids an adequate headboard. I think that's one thing that has a little bit of height for [sitting]. This is why wood is not always the best. It's not my favorite because it's hard.

Giving them pillows that are aerodynamically friendly. For sitting on the bed, you want to introduce pillows that are different shapes: the European squares, bolsters, a bed rest pillow or the reading wedge pillow.

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"Every child remembers their first room. It's something that they hang on to forever."

— **SHAZALYNN CAVIN-WINFREY,** ALEXANDRIA DESIGNER AND PRINCIPAL OF SCW INTERIORS

How can parents make bunk beds visually appealing?

Use the bunk bed as your bulletin board. Allow the kids to put their artwork on the bunk boards. Hang baskets at the end of the beds. Then you've got more storage.

Beyond a chair, are there other furniture pieces that kids like to sit on?

Parents don't want to put a lot of money on chairs. I think the beanbag is probably the least expensive and the most versatile seating option that you're going to get for a kid's room. I don't like them, but they are practical and affordable. Once [they're] worn out, you don't feel bad throwing them out.

If a parent is going to invest in a chair, a parent will invest in a glider when the baby is born. Don't get the wooden one that's not going to appeal to a 5- or 6-year-old. Get the one that can be upholstered.

For parents who don't want to use nails or tape, what alternatives are there for hanging items on the wall?

I do like the laundry line look. That only takes about two nails, as opposed to 20. If you don't want to use rope, you can use wire and you can hang things on the line with a little clip or a paper clip. Also consider installing a picture rail they can then hang things off.

How important is it for furniture to be from the same place?

One thing I don't like that a lot of people do with kids' rooms is they buy too many matching pieces. People go online to Pottery Barn and buy all brown furniture or all white furniture. I think they see it as an easy solution for filling a room.

What really needs to happen is all of those things need to be in different textures to make the room really feel finished.

If you want to buy the desk from Pottery Barn, great. Switch out the knobs. It makes it personal. If it's an all-brown dresser and you put on metal knobs, it feels like something's going on, like some thought went into that piece.

Choose each piece individually and don't be afraid to mix styles. A lot of people miss the small little things, but those little details add up incrementally.

I would also tell people, "Don't be afraid." Take a risk as far as what's acceptable for indoor space. You can put in a small swing if it's appropriate in a space. You can put a hammock in a corner.

How should parents cater their approach when decorating specifically for a girl or boy?

Be careful of overdoing the color. I think people try to accomplish too much of a good thing. The pink bedroom that she likes when she's 5 she's probably going to hate when she's 11.

Which local and online stores do you like to shop at when designing a kid's bedroom?

I love Great Stuff by Paul [in Frederick]. He has really unusual and unique storage solutions. He also carries a really large selection of child-sized items. Right now he has really great antique chairs from China.

I go to Georgetown a lot. I think Anthropologie has been getting more into bedding for girls. I use Restoration Hardware, too, sometimes.

For online stuff, I lovePine Cone Hill (Pineconehill.com). **DELECE SMITH-BARROW (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Thrill of the Treasure Hunt

Arm yourself with a game plan before visiting an estate sale

Estate sales have long been the stamping grounds of the select few — antiques dealers, avid collectors, diehards who line up at 3 a.m. to get first dibs on the best stuff. But the art of sifting through a stranger's home in search of treasure is fast becoming mainstream.

"Because of the economy, everybody's looking for a bargain," says Cari Cucksey, estate sale guru and host of the HGTV show "Cash & Cari." "It's becoming a hip thing to say 'Guess how much I got this for?' People love to find out what things are worth, and they love digging around and finding treasure."

So your heart doesn't go pitter-patter at the sight of crystal and silver? Don't rule out estate sales just yet — you can get deals on everyday items if you know a few tricks of the trade.

First, find a sale. EstateSales.net is the leading online directory; sign up for alerts or search by specific keywords. Check newspaper classifieds on Thursdays to get a jump on weekend planning.

Many local estate service companies have mailing lists that often offer details on parking and early-bird entry.

Get there early. "All the good stuff is gone within the first 30 minutes," says Mike Wolfe, creator and host of History Channel's "American Pickers."

At most estate sales, prices decrease with time. On Day 2, the discount is usually 25 to 30 percent; on the final day — usually a Sunday — items are half off. "Come back on Saturday, and if there's something you like but think is overpriced, make a bid," says Stephanie Rigaux, owner of Kensington's D.C. Estates. "That enables you to get a discount and get the item before half-price day."

Scoop up underused furniture. "For couples on a budget or young people who are trying to furnish an apartment, go to an estate sale and look for a living room set," says Jared Fast, owner of Caring Transitions of Montgomery County. "Chances are it's in good condition, because no one sits on their living room furniture — they only use family room furniture."

If there's something you really want, ask for it. "Don't be afraid to ask the people at the door where an item is in the house," Wolfe says. "Don't waste your time looking through the other rooms. And if you find it, grab it — if you don't, the guy behind you will." HOLLY E. THOMAS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Bottom Line

Risky, Rewarding

Estate sales offer impressive deals on everything from household goods and furniture to antiques and collectibles — provided you can handle the unpredictable nature. You'll save big by purchasing out-of-season items; if you're looking for higher-end pieces, do some research first.

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Country Gets Cool

Bright colors, rustic industrial antiques and new takes on old crafts shake up trad decor 24

KINDRA CLINEFF, FROM "FRESH AMERICAN SPACES" BY ANNIE SELKE ($35, CLARKSON-POTTER)

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Ree Drummond

'PIONEER WOMAN,' STARBUCKS FAN, PIZZA CHEF

On her blog, The Pioneer Woman (Thepioneerwoman.com), Ree Drummond draws 20 million hits a month. Folks visit for her views of "accidental country life" on an Oklahoma ranch with a cowboy husband, four kids and lots of livestock. Her simple recipes, homey decor tips and sassy tone also helped her land a Food Network show called (what else?) "The Pioneer Woman" (Sat., 11:30 a.m.).

Why do people dig your blog?
Some people grew up in a rural environment and now live in a city. The blog helps them go back in time. Others have never seen this slice of American life. I give them cowboys, chaps and cattle.

Does TV differ from the blog?
A lot of what I do is post recipes with lots of photos, but I haven't done video. So I'm trying to make sure the cameras get up in the food's business. Online, I try to photograph food really close up, so people want to dive through the computer screen and gobble it up.

You do what you call ranch cooking. Can you explain?
I do have ranch classics like chicken fried steak and biscuits and gravy. But it's also vegetarian pastas and creme brulee. It all has to be simple and really flavorful.

Don't you have a well-stocked pantry, because you're far from town?
Yes. First, there are boring things: onions, garlic, every tomato product you can imagine. Then dried pastas and beans. But I also have a shelf of things you get in the city, like jars of roasted red peppers.

Any ingredient you can get in the country you can't get in town?
We have a regular supply of Rocky Mountain oysters [bull testicles]. You don't want to open my father-in-law's freezer — it's like a horror movie!

> **"All I wear is jeans, whether I'm dressing up or slogging around the house. There are no suits!"**

What's your favorite dish you are making this summer?
I've been into pizzas with fresh mozzarella that I just pile things on. I put a bunch of greens on a pizza after it's out of the oven. And it's been so hot, I've also been into main-dish salads, big plates of greens with steak.

You traded LA for the prairie. What do you miss about the city?
I miss Starbucks! When I visit a city and stay for a couple of days, I forget how easy things are, like just being able to run out for dinner.

But what are the good things about living on the prairie?
I love the prairie, the country and the quiet. Ironically, I love the isolation and knowing that I'm not going anywhere.

You famously traded pumps and pedicures for boots. What do you wear on the ranch?
All I wear is jeans, whether I'm dressing up or slogging around the house. There are no suits! But if I go to the city, I'll wear jeans and boots that go up to my knees.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Soft Spots for Hurricane Watching

Before boarding yourself up indoors, pick up homey survival gear like Alexandra Ferguson's sassy, sustainable pillows (festooned with phrases like "Be Nice or Leave"). Her trunk show at M29 Lifestyle promises sweets, treats and comfortable wares for hurricane watching. Fri., 4-7 p.m.; 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-295-2829

goods lookout

1 Baked Zitty

FOR ANY 13 YEAR-OLD GIRL who resembles a young Katy Perry in "Last Friday Night," the terrifying back-to-school season can leave figurative (and acne) scars. When we were 13, our skin was so pimply, we cowered in books, forever ensuring social awkwardness and an addiction to short-story collections. Thankfully, acne-ridden youths can temper this fate with No!No! Skin ($180, Nonoskin.com), an FDA-approved laser device that uses light/heat blasts to zap zits and reduce their size and redness overnight.

2 Mug Shot

WE PLANNED to grill outside this weekend, using our new favorite burger and chicken flavoring, Whole Foods' Beer Marinade Stout ($6, Whole Foods). Its combo of brew, mustard, pepper and spices turns boring cuts into vaguely British-tasting yummy ones. It will probably work OK even poured over saltines at the Flood/Hurricane/Quake Disaster Center, though.

3 Grab Bag

Creature Comforters

FRIENDLY LOOKING horseshoe crabs. Sinister-yet-chic snakes. Neo-classical silhouettes of pigeons. New York textile designer Thomas Paul turns ordinary animals into things of beauty on pillows, throws and plates. Now, he wants us to cuddle up with his menagerie under his new duvets and shams (duvets, $250-$400; shams, $100 for two, Velocityartandesign.com). Oversized creatures — an orange elephant (shown), an inky octopus, Moby Dick-inspired shams — cast a wickedly chic spell in boudoirs from modern to old-fashioned. And perhaps, bedbugs will be intimidated?

4 Fire Escape

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS are used in many strange ways. In the French film "Irréversible," one was used to beat a man to death. In "WALL-E," the little guy uses one to propel himself through space. In "Salt," a spy turns one into a bomb. Now, these recycled fire extinguisher vases ($65, Uncommongoods.com) can be employed for pleasant things like holding sunflowers.

5 Tease Shirt

LOOK CLOSELY at the shirt. See anything? Irony, perhaps? A twist on luxury designers who cash in on the masses? Or maybe a fun poke at a Facebook culture that gives one man access to our neuroses? Express sees a hilarious blogger who makes Mark by Mark Zuckerberg tees like "The Randi" ($17, Markbymarkzuckerberg.com), helping us dress like the richest fashion victim in Silicon Valley.

Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Katherine Boyle. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

This is a question of pressing importance. What do you suggest in the way of stylish rain boots, something that can stand up to the demands of a Category 4 hurricane?

— ELLEN

Manolo says ayyyyy! 2011 is turning out to be the annus horribilis, the Latin technical term which sound like the unpleasant personal condition, but actually means "Year of Horrors."

Our horrific year began with the succession of the late winter Snopocalypses, each one colder and snowier than the last. This was followed by the chilly, soggy, and disappointingly brief spring, which gave way to the summer of successive and unprecedented heat waves.

And that was just the weather!

The Manolo has not even mentioned how our politics and economy and society have all simultaneously gone cuckoo crazy. Up is down and backward is forward, what with the flash mobs, the rioting, the stock market crashing and the unseemly political wrangling.

And this week ... Ayyyy! It is not enough that we have just had a major earthquake, but now there is the hurricane forecasted to barrel down upon us by the weekend.

What next? Meteors?

In light of this, the Manolo recommends the original high-gloss Hunter rain boots in candy pink (one of nine colors, $125, Zappos.com). At the least, you can wear something fun and girly as you wade to the corner Quikmart to loot the Kardashian wedding issue of People from its ruins.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

lookout home

KINDRA CLINEFF

Bright paint on the walls and furniture plus hip gingham curtains brings a country room into the modern world. It's one of many trad-gone-rad spaces in Annie Selke's new book, "Fresh American Spaces." ($45, Clarkson Potter).

Pottery Barn's Exeter Pendant (top, $129, Potterybarn.com) morphs the canning staple into a funky light fixture. Forget "God Bless This Country Home." Crafters are making edgier samplers like this one (bottom, $33, Etsy.com/shop/bombastitch).

Beyond Wagon Wheels And Calico

Country decor goes hip via rustic textures, bright colors and new ways to use antiques

Chances are, your grandmother's or mother's decor style was a little bit (or a lot) country. And you might consider yourself a little bit rock 'n' roll. So there's no way anything from their living rooms would ever wind up in yours, is there?

Take a seat at the farmhouse table, because country is in again. "With the economy lately, people are paring back," says Amy Rutherford, owner of Red Barn Mercantile in Old Town Alexandria (113 S. Columbus St.; 703-838-0355). "They're looking at their roots, when times were simpler."

But don't break out the 1980s-era calico prints, oversized plaid couches and lacy curtains just yet. This is Country 2.0, which melds everything from cottage to vintage to industrial influences with Americana looks of the past. That might mean a Shaker-style chair painted bright pink, embroidery details that skew more mod than fussy or pieces with real rural roots.

"People are intermixing in a high-end way really rustic, cruddy things that would have been in a barn years ago," says Lesli DeVito, whose blog is My Old Country House (Myoldcountryhousediy.blogspot.com). "People want stuff that has some history, because so much of what we have is new."

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> — **LESLI DEVITO,** BLOGGER, MY OLD COUNTRY HOUSE (MYOLDCOUNTRYHOUSEDIY.BLOGSPOT.COM)

To pull off the look, you don't need to turn your pad into the Little House on the Prairie. In fact, a country piece can make a big impact in a contemporary room.

"Even with stark, modern places, people like something warm," says Rutherford. "Find something that speaks to you, that's old, interesting and may have once had a purpose that's opposite of what you intend to do now, and find a place for it." Think old wooden fruit crates used as storage bins or feed sacks turned into table runners.

Reclaimed Indian print blocks turn into ruggedly pretty frames ($30-$38, Trohv, 232 Carroll Ave. NW; 202-829-2941).

"The days of 'I'm going to go home to my purely contemporary or purely traditional home' are moving toward 'I'm going to a house that makes me feel good and is a reflection of who I am,'" says Laura Daily, vice president of merchandising for Ballard Designs (Ballarddesigns.com).

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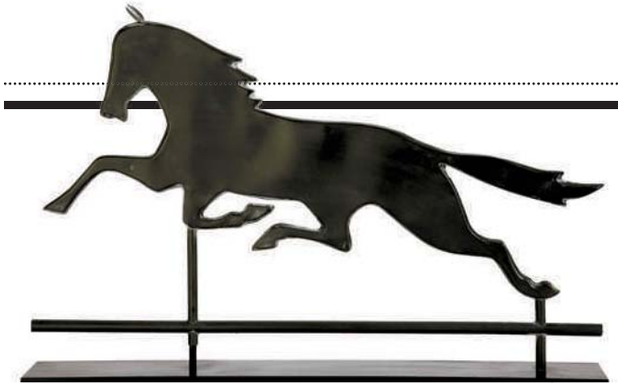

Add barnyard bravado to a coffee table or bookshelf with an antique-inspired horse weather vane sculpture ($149, Ballarddesigns.com).

One part American classic, one part Frank Lloyd Wright, Wisteria's Windsor Chair (right, $400, Wisteria.com) puts a spin on seating. Pine Cone Hill's Crewel Aqua Duvet Cover (detail shown, $308 to $504, Red Barn Mercantile, 113 S. Columbus St., Alexandria; 703-838-0355) looks at home in a funky city condo or a country cabin.

Today's country is all about reimagining old standards. "There are traditional elements in the pieces I do, whether it's a ticking stripe in a rug or a ruffle on a duvet," says Annie Selke, founder of bedding line Pine Cone Hill (Pineconehill.com) and Dash & Albert Rug Company (Dashandalbert.com) and author of the new book "Fresh American Spaces" ($45, Clarkson Potter). "It's about interpreting them for their current use. Eyelet embroidery can look hokey, or if you take it down to its purest form, it can be very contemporary."

"I don't think we're reclaiming all of country, just things that are designed well or have stood the test of time," says Ben Homola, co-owner of new Takoma Park shop Trohv (232 Carroll St. NW; 202-829-2941), which itself was built out using reclaimed barn wood. "When I see these things being incorporated into new products, I'm reminded how beautiful industrial things can be and old American designs were."

Crafters have also helped give the style a sense of the here-and-now. "People are doing country techniques but in a modern, playful way," says Dawn Alley, a Capitol Hill resident behind the crafting blog Idle Hands (Idlehandsdc.com). "There's been a big trend toward incorporating text into embroidery. I did a sampler of the 'Friday Night Lights' mantra 'Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose.' It's fun and cheeky."

MARGE ELY/EXPRESS

"I don't think we're reclaiming all of country, just things that are beautiful or designed well or have stood the test of time."

— **BEN HOMOLA,** CO-OWNER OF TROHV, WHERE INDIAN COVERLETS (SHOWN, $178-$238) MIX WITH RUSTIC FURNITURE.

When rendered in a crisp palette, even country standards — a striped Dash & Albert rug, a wing chair and a bandanna throw — seem fresh and modern. This shot, from Annie Selke's "Fresh American Spaces," captures the look.

KINDRA CLINEFF

If you do raid Granny's attic, sometimes all it takes is a coat of paint to bring a country chair or chest into the 21st century. "When you highlight an object in a bright color, all its provenance goes away. You appreciate the object," says Selke, whose products blend preppy with romantic with classic with vintage. "It doesn't matter which era it's from if it's a cool shape."

"There aren't any rules now," says Old Town Alexandria interior designer Barbara Franceski (Barbarafranceski.com). "It's about expression. Incorporating things that look like they've withstood the test of time gives a room a past, and that brings comfort."

After all, even a rock 'n' roller needs to snuggle up with a quilt now and then. **BETH LUBERECKI**

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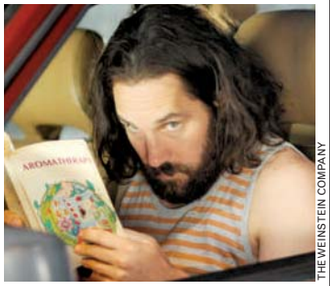


THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

Poop Culture

You know that saying about chicken poop and chicken salad? In the movies, if actors are given a script that's chicken poop, it's simply impossible for them to turn it into anything resembling chicken salad — even gross chicken salad that has celery in it (celery has no place in food — or on Earth).

By Kristen Page-Kirby

But recently a lot of talented actors have tried anyway. The latest example is "Our Idiot Brother," out Friday. Paul Rudd plays Ned, who's so naive that he sells weed to a uniformed cop and is surprised when he gets busted. After his release from jail, he bounces between the houses of his three sisters (Emily Mortimer, Elizabeth Banks and Zooey Deschanel).

There are some solid actors here, most of whom are genuinely funny people. And while the script isn't terrible, the characters are thinly drawn and the plot coasts along in such a predictable manner that, while I was never bored, I wasn't particularly interested. Hipster sister is hipster! Driven sister is driven! Mom sister is motherly, which in the movies means tired and not particularly interested in sex! Rudd, hiding under a Unabomber beard, is endearing, but not even the hero of "Clueless" can save the unsalvageable.

As far as chicken poop goes, it's fairly innocuous, but that doesn't mean I want to eat it.

@ Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**

THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

In "Our Idiot Brother," Paul Rudd (left, with Elizabeth Banks), vacations in his three sisters' lives after he ends up homeless.

A Brotherly Dud

A charming Paul Rudd makes the otherwise unappealing 'Our Idiot Brother' tolerable

Film Review

"Our Idiot Brother" turns out to be mis-titled. It should be called "The Brother We Treat Like an Idiot," and that goes as much for the filmmakers as for the dysfunctional family at the core of this easygoing misfire. Paul Rudd plays Ned Rochlin, a perpetually blissed-out biodynamic farmer who in the film's first scene sells pot to a police officer. When he gets out of jail, he embarks on a serial-crash with his three sisters, upending their lives with his anarchic honesty and unbridled naivete.

Peeking out from a curtain of shaggy hair and a beard, Rudd invests Ned with every ounce of the effusive, natural warmth that has become his trademark. And like so many movies in his career, he makes "Our Idiot Brother" much more tolerable than it deserves to be.

Screenwriters Evgenia Peretz and David Schisgall play up Ned's innocence by making his sisters thoroughly unappealing: Emily Mortimer plays a dowdy, sad-sack hausfrau married to a pompous documentarian; Elizabeth Banks flails in a misguided brunette pageboy as a ruthless Vanity Fair reporter; and Zooey Deschanel lends spaced-out self-absorption to a lesbian tempted by a similarly navel-gazing male artist.

"Our Idiot Brother" holds Ned up as a paragon of decency and trust, to the point where in one scene, he cheerfully asks a guy on the subway to hold a wad of cash — and the man does, gobsmacked. As Ned himself says, if you give people the benefit of the doubt, they'll live up to it. But the filmmakers are so intent on demonizing everyone else in Ned's life that it suggests they don't believe their own lesson.

There are times when "Our Idiot Brother" possesses a loping, genial sweetness. And while Rudd has created a genuinely engaging character, "Our Idiot Brother" gives him very little garden to cultivate.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

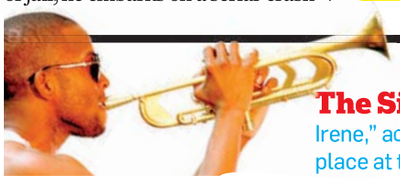
Sequels

'Knocked Up' Redux

Paul Rudd is in the middle of filming a follow-up to Judd Apatow's "Knocked Up" in Los Angeles (rumored title: "This Is Forty"). It focuses on the bickering sister and brother-in-law of Katherine Heigl's character that he and Leslie Mann played in the 2007 romantic comedy. It's the first time Rudd, who studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, has reprised a film role. "It's been surreal," says Rudd, a stranger to sequels except for his first big part: a "Halloween" installment. "The dynamic that Leslie and I have is pretty great. There's already a familiarity with working with each other. It's been fun to play that part again. I really liked doing 'Knocked Up,' so to play that part again but to do more stuff is great." (AP)

Our Idiot Brother (R)

- **Director:** Jesse Peretz
- **Stars:** Paul Rudd, Elizabeth Banks, Zooey Deschanel
- **In a Nutshell:** A pot bust sends nice-guy Ned to jail, and when he returns, his girlfriend has left and taken his dog with her. Homeless and unemployed, he couch-surfs at the homes of his three sisters.



The Silopanna Music Festival has been canceled "due to the potential effects of Hurricane Irene," according to organizers. The inaugural event, which featured Trombone Shorty, left, was to take place at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds. The festival will not be rescheduled. (TWP)

ALEX BAILEY

Sam Riley and Andrea Riseborough star in this adaptation of "Brighton Rock."

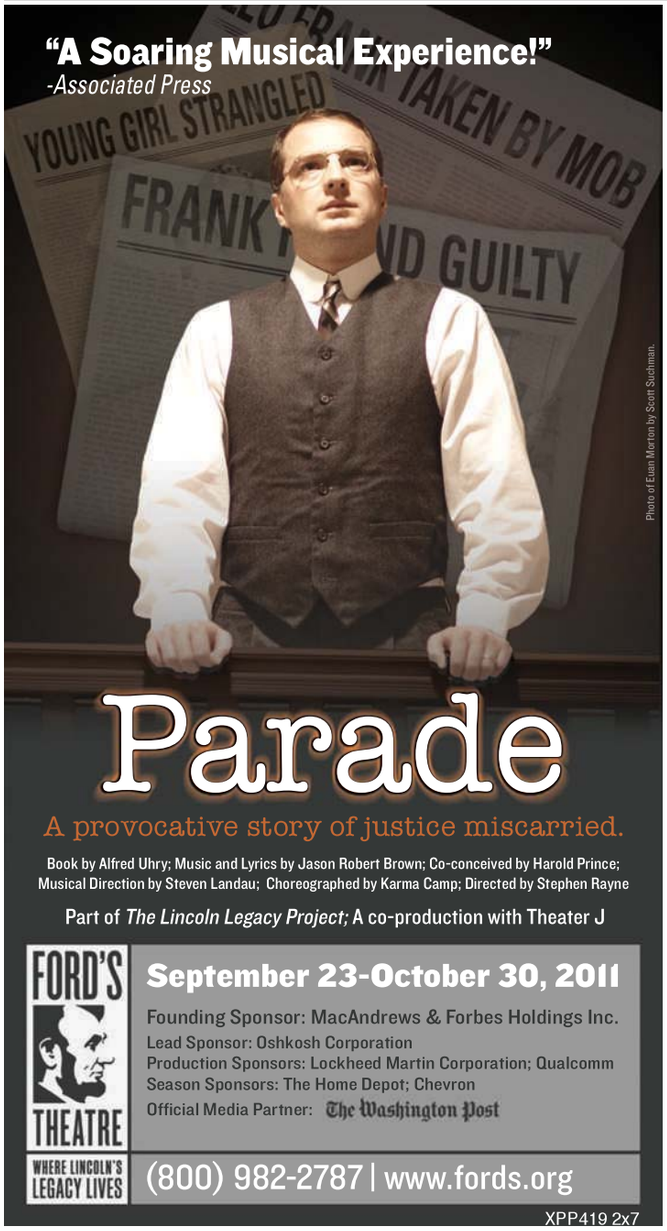
Only Love Can Make it Rain

Film Review

Writer-director Rowan Joffe engages in some provocative switcheroos in "Brighton Rock," his adaptation of Graham Greene's 1938 novel. Greene's story, about an amoral teenage gangster and the waitress for whom he harbors a sociopathic mixture of tenderness and contempt, took place in the English seaside town of the 1930s. Recalling The Who's "Quadrophenia," Joffe's version of this morality tale takes place in 1960s Brighton, where Mods and Rockers are setting off a youthquake while old-school hoods duke it out on the beach below.

It's a clever conceit, and there are times when Pinkie Brown — "Brighton Rock's" repellent antihero — blends right in with both crowds as he dons a razor-sharp blue suit and steals a mirror-festooned motorcycle. What's more, he's played here by Sam Riley, in a performance that often recalls his breakout role as Joy Division frontman Ian Curtis in "Control." Like Curtis, Pinkie possesses a certain laconic magnetism and a penchant for skinny ties; but he isn't nearly as talented, to which his impulsively ruthless rule of his tatty boardwalk empire attests.

But the breakout in "Brighton Rock" is Andrea Riseborough, who plays Pinkie's besotted love interest, Rose, a slightly dim, fatally naive tea shop server who falls for Pinkie and won't let anyone — including her well-meaning boss, played by a thin-lipped Helen Mirren — dissuade her. ANN HORNADAY (TWP)



Things That Go Bump at Night

Film Review

Augmented by just enough CGI to bring its icky gremlins to life, "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark" feels retro in all the right ways; it's a bump-in-the-night tale that, if not for the occasional glimpse of a cellphone or reference to Adderall, could have been told decades ago.

Actually, it was. Screenwriters Guillermo del Toro and Matthew Robbins adapted the script from a 1973 TV movie of the same name. The changes they made pull the tale further back, though, into the realm of fable — especially their decision to change the protagonist from an adult to a little girl: Sally (Bailee Madison, convincingly apprehensive and sullen) has been sent by her mother to live with her father and his new girlfriend (Guy Pearce and Katie Holmes) in the grand old mansion they're renovating.

CAROLYN JOHNS

Bailee Madison is convincingly uneasy and glum in "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark."

Sally doesn't want to be there but can't resist exploring. Soon she discovers a hidden basement — unsafe for little girls, an aging caretaker warns knowingly — whose rusty, bolted-up ash pit speaks to her. Scratchy, faint voices whisper to Sally, offering friendship. When her first encounter is cut short, we hear them whisper among themselves: "She'll come back. They always do . . ."

Followers of del Toro's work will see reminders of "Pan's Labyrinth" here — little girl, strange environs, enticing and perhaps magical creatures known only to her — but the storyteller is writing for another director, first-timer Troy Nixey, and keeps the action rooted in the real world. He'll save the fantastic recesses of his personal mythology for his own films, though he does eventually work old folk tales into "Dark," in thoroughly creepy ways best left for the viewer to discover.

It would be a shame if side projects like this slowed del Toro's pace in making films of his own. But the more movies he can put his stamp on, the richer horror cinema will be.

JOHN DEFORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

RETROSPECTIVES

'Nevermind' at 20

Jon Stewart will host a Q&A session with the surviving members of Nirvana to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the band's album "Nevermind." The event, to air on SiriusXM on Sep. 24, will feature Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl, above, bassist Krist Novoselic and "Nevermind" producer Butch Vig. (AP)

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entertainment lookout

A Girl With a Gun

Zoe Saldana stars as a lethal assassin in 'Colombiana'

MAGALI BRAGARD

Film Review

A brawny B-action picture with a gorgeous, graceful woman wreaking havoc at its center: Yup, "Colombiana" is a Luc Besson movie.

The director of "La Femme Nikita" and "The Fifth Element" serves as co-writer and producer here, but this is very much a spin-off of his brand, a continuation of the kind of stereotype- and gravity-defying characters he's made his name on. "Colombiana" feels more hammy and muscular, though — but knowingly so, and that's what makes it solid, late-summer escapist fun.

Zoe Saldana stars as Cataleya, who saw her parents killed in front of her when she was just a 9-year-old schoolgirl living in the slums of Bogota. 15 years later, with the help of her Uncle Emilio (Cliff Curtis), Cataleya has become a highly efficient professional assassin, but she still seeks revenge against the drug kingpin (Beto Benites) and his right-hand man (Jordi Molla) who are responsible for her parents' deaths.

Over-the-top bad guys spew generically menacing lines and hot women parade around in bikinis and lingerie. The catlike Saldana herself kicks butt in little more than tank tops and short-shorts, and prowls around during a thrilling jail hit in the kind of skin-tight body suit she might have worn to do motion-capture work for "Avatar."

The action, meanwhile, is totally preposterous, but that's what you pay your money to see. For the most part, "Colombiana" is all big and silly, but at least it's enjoyably staged and crafted. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

Colombiana (PG-13)

- **Director:** Olivier Megaton
- **Stars:** Zoe Saldana, Beto Benites, Cliff Curtis, Jordi Molla
- **In a Nutshell:** A young woman, after witnessing her parents' murder as a child in Bogota, grows up to be a stone-cold assassin.
- **For Fans of:** "La Femme Nikita"

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30 MINUTES OR LESS (R, 83 minutes) Jesse Eisenberg plays Nick, a pizza delivery guy who falls into a trap set by spoiled brat Dwayne (Danny McBride) to steal $100,000 to pay off a hit man to assassinate Dwayne's rich father. With a bomb strapped to his chest and only a few hours to find the money, Nick and his best friend, Chet (Aziz Ansari), cut a manic, destructive swath through Grand Rapids, Mich., surviving a ballistic bank robbery and pulverizing car crash and ongoing patter about sex, action flicks and sex. Like "Horrible Bosses," "The Change-Up" and "The Hangover Part II," "30 Minutes or Less" plays like this summer's latest — and lamest — panegyric to male friendship. **A.H.**

ATTACK THE BLOCK (R, 88 minutes) Like the big budget, star-heavy "Cowboys & Aliens," the British import "Attack the Block" pits invading extraterrestrials against a breed of earthlings rarely called upon to battle them. But this one's heroes are nobodies yanked from the streets of a modern city. The title refers to housing blocks, the depressing and dangerous apartment projects where England's poor live. For mysterious reasons, aliens have chosen to attack a single South London complex, the fast, furry beasts (with mouths full of glow-in-the-dark fangs) singling out five young thugs who would otherwise be preying on innocent humans. Over the course of one long night, the battle stretches from public areas, where the boys are used to being

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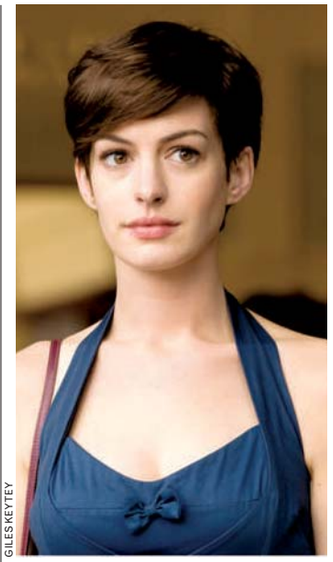
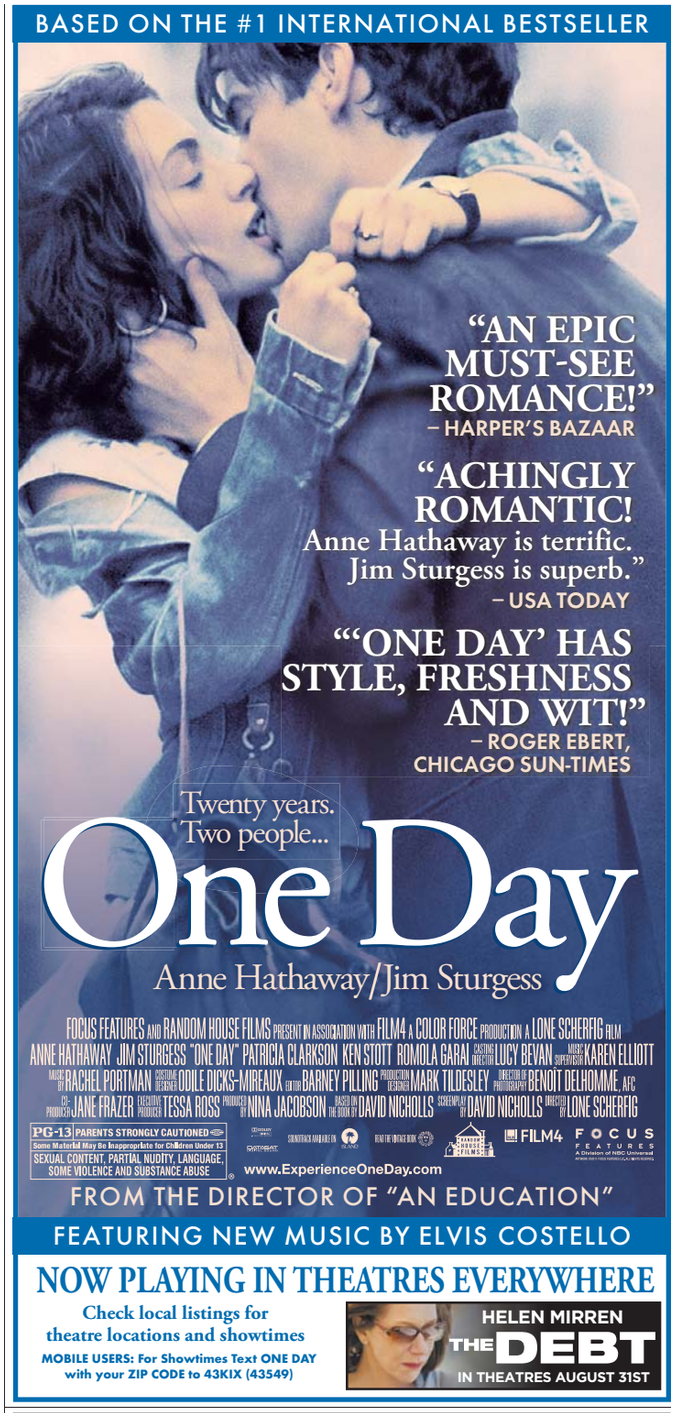


GILES KEYTEY

Anne Hathaway uses a British accent in the adaptation of the novel "One Day."



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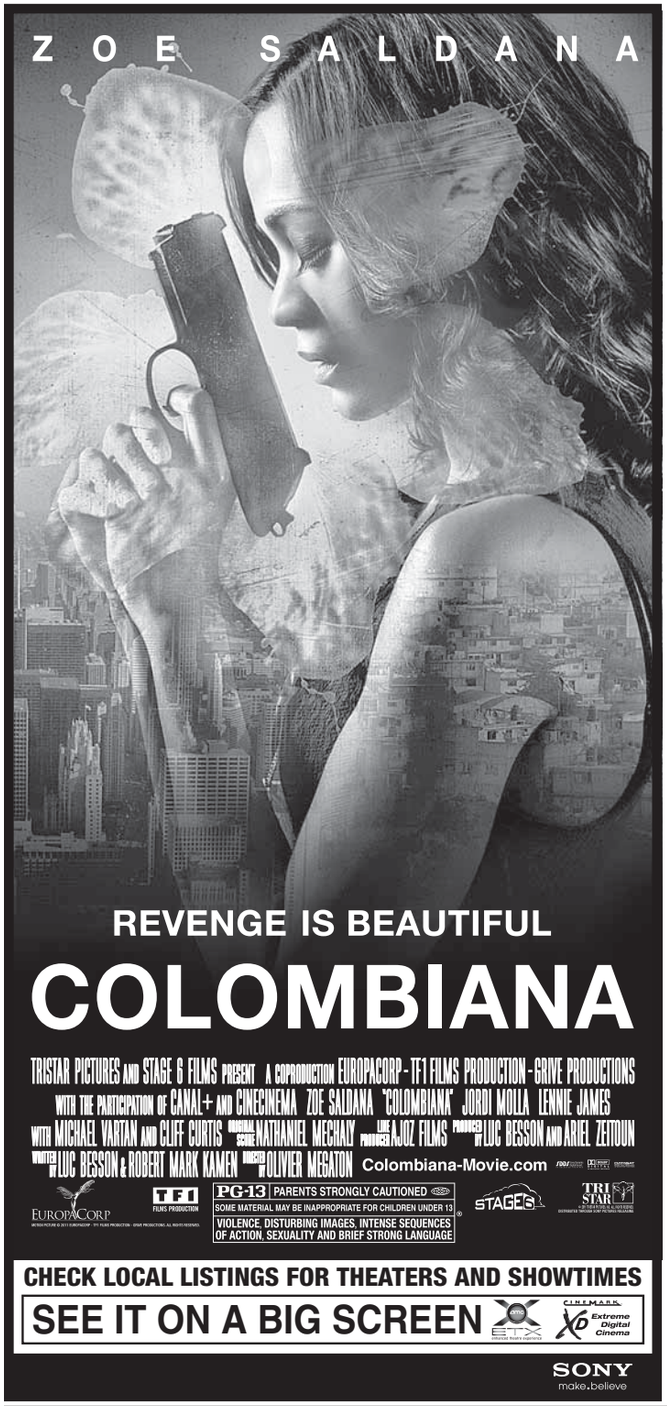

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feared, to the living rooms and bedrooms in which they're still seen as children. "Attack the Block" demands to be seen simply because it is a thrill — a pulse-raiser whose perfect construction and pointed wit make it one of the year's most exciting films. **JOHN DEFORE**

CAPTAIN AMERICA: FIRST AVENGER (PG-13, 125 minutes) The ultimate origin story of the original myth of Marvel Comics' seemingly endless comic-book universe, the World War II-era drama returns to its classic roots with the square-jawed forthrightness of its straight-arrow protagonist. Even his name exudes an America that time forgot: Steve Rogers. "I don't like bullies," Rogers (Chris Evans) says simply before joining the U.S. Army in 1942. Director Joe Johnston has surrounded Evans with a wonderful cast of supporting players, including Stanley Tucci as the German doctor who turns Rogers from puny to magnificent; Hayley Atwell as a comely British military liaison named Peggy Carter; and the scene-stealing Tommy Lee Jones, who nails the movie's most amusing lines as the crusty Col. Chester Phillips. **A.H.**

DALE ROBINETTE

Emma Stone, bottom, and and Allison Janney, top, star in "The Help."

THE CHANGE-UP (R, 113 minutes) "Freaky Friday" meets "The Hangover" in "The Change-Up," a raunchy ode to guy-love in which Jason Bateman and Ryan Reynolds struggle valiantly to transcend the movie they're in. As an arrested adolescent and incorrigible ladies' man named Mitch, Reynolds has most of the funniest lines in "The Change-Up," many of them vulgarities aimed at infants who smile beatifically at the verbal abuse. Bateman doesn't get to have nearly as much fun as Mitch's straight-laced bestie Dave, a

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Anton Yelchin (left, with Christopher Mintz-Plasse) is convinced his new neighbor is a vampire in the remake of "Fright Night."

type-A lawyer with a beautiful wife (Leslie Mann) and three kids. For the most part, he's called on to turn on his signature nervous grimace. Mitch and Dave switch bodies early on and must impersonate each other until they can switch back. **A.H.**

COWBOYS & ALIENS (PG-13, 118 minutes) Jon Favreau's celebration of two of cinema's most revered genres doesn't stint in lavishing their most cherished conventions with evenhanded affection and respect. Daniel Craig plays Jake Lonergan, who as the movie opens wakes up alone in the desert with a mysterious injury and a heavy metal bracelet around his wrist. When he rides into nearby Absolution, he immediately makes his presence felt, swatting down a bully named Percy Dolarhyde (Paul Dano), whose father, Woodrow (Harrison Ford), owns a huge cattle ranch nearby. When strange lights appear in the sky and some of the townsfolk are sucked into hovering vehicles overhead, the taciturn Lonergan and the crustily misanthropic Woodrow Dolarhyde join forces to track down the interstellar outlaws and bring their people home. **A.H.**

CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE (PG-13, 118 minutes) "Crazy, Stupid, Love" opens with a clever montage of couples' feet engaging in all manner of furtive flirtation under restaurant tables. When the camera lands on Cal Weaver (Steve Carell) and his wife, Emily (Julianne Moore), their troubles are clear. She's wearing come-hither heels while Cal is decked out in schlumpy New Balance sneakers. She's still trying, but Cal has given up, which accounts for why Emily announces at that same restaurant that she wants a divorce. He numbly agrees, moves out of their comfortable house and into a depressing bachelor pad and begins hitting a singles bar, where he comes under the tutelage of serial seducer Jacob Palmer (Ryan Gosling), a playah Pygmalion who takes Cal on as a personal makeover project. What ensues is the kind of smooth, fitfully funny, finely machined romantic comedy that is expertly calibrated to hit all the rom-com happy places. **A.H.**

FINAL DESTINATION 5 (R, 92 minutes) Nothing in life is certain but death and sequels. Make that sequels about death — teen-oriented exploitation movies in which generic young actors meet their fates in a series of gruesome, occasionally suspenseful scenes. The latest of these, "Final Destination 5," isn't as novel as it hopes to be, but it gets the job done. Here, the villain is fate itself, a sense that the entire physical world is loaded with inevitable death for those who somehow evade the Reaper the first time he comes calling. The camera in "FD5" treats inanimate objects — malfunctioning air conditioners, say — as killers whose mindlessness only makes them more unstoppable. While viewers will get plenty of nervous giggles out of watching as burping water-coolers or (yes!) inappropriately ringing cell phones trigger fatal mishaps, the filmmakers don't milk the this-leads-to-that element that made Rube Goldberg famous. Once the initial trigger happens, there's not a lot of fun left in the scene. **J.D.**

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (R, 108 minutes) Mila Kunis and Justin Timberlake fairly set the screen on fire as cynics who agree to use each other for physical gratification but otherwise remain steadfastly un-love-struck. Kunis' character is hard-driving media headhunter named Jamie, a savvy consumer of romantic comedy cliches, who is nonetheless powerless to resist their happily-ever-after promises. After Jamie persuades Timberlake's Dylan to move to New York to become art director at GQ, the two become best buds, deciding one drunken evening to step up their game. Kunis possesses particular zing as a tart, unsentimental romantic heroine. But if Kunis gets the showier role, Timberlake proves a quietly charming stalking horse, finally claiming and fully owning the spotlight with a hilarious homage to the 1990s rap duo Kriss Kross. **A.H**

FRIGHT NIGHT (R, 120 minutes) "Fright Night" improves on the premise it has been handed, producing a modernized version of a decades-old story that's superior to its predecessor in virtually every aspect. In this case, "Fright Night" director Craig Gillespie remakes Todd Holland's 1985 horror-comedy of the same name. The story still steals from Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece "Rear Window" with awkward teenager Charlie Brewster (Anton Yelchin) casting suspi

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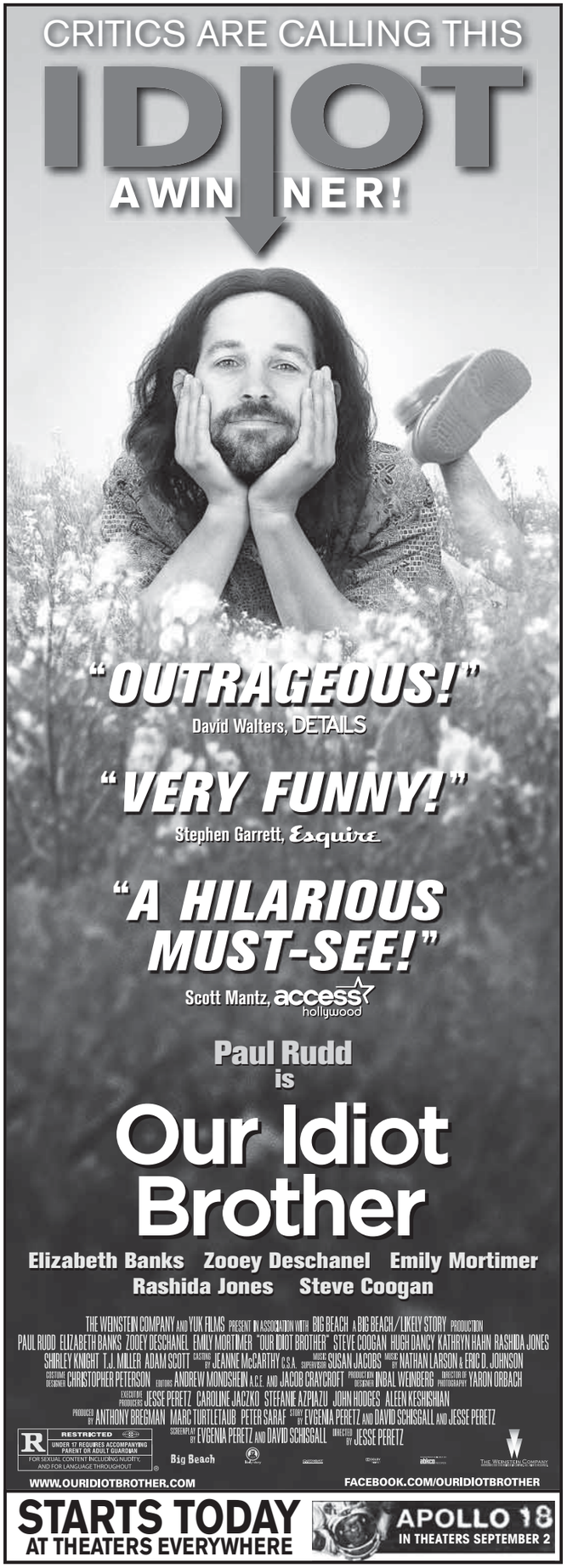

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Jason Bateman, left, and Ryan Reynolds pull a "Freaky Friday" in "The Change-Up."

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cions that his mysterious new neighbor, Jerry (Colin Farrell), is a vampire. As Charlie's accusations fall on deaf ears, the arrogant Jerry engages in a deadly cat-and-mouse game that draws in Charlie's childhood friend (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) and his girlfriend (Imogene Poots). At its best, "Fright Night" mixes sly pop- culture references, "Twilight" jabs and Scooby gang jokes with legitimately suspenseful horror sequences sure to unnerve even the most-seasoned genre fans. **SEAN O'CONNELL**

GLEE: THE 3D CONCERT MOVIE (PG, 100 minutes) "Glee: The 3D Concert Movie" is a multi-dimensional "Glee"-a-thon that contains highlights from a recent stop at New Jersey's Meadowlands during this summer's "Glee" tour. Filled with infectiously energetic renditions of pop tunes plucked straight from the repertoires of the show's competitive crooning groups, the New Directions and the Warblers — from Journey's "Don't Stop Believin' " to Pink's "Raise Your Glass" — the movie is entertaining and, admittedly, completely unnecessary. Hard-core "Glee" fans will undoubtedly give it two thumbs up, as it delivers the key things they desire from a "Glee" movie: a chance to watch their favorite cast members (Kurt! Santana! Brittany!) perform "Born This Way" on a much larger screen, and to get even closer to this season's breakout heartthrob, Darren Criss, courtesy of 3-D technology. **JEN CHANEY**

THE HELP (PG-13, 137 minutes) Fans of Kathryn Stockett's folksy, ingratiating novel of the same name can rest easy: The director, Tate Taylor — a childhood friend of the author, who, like her, grew up in Jackson, Miss., where the story is set — has preserved the book's story line, characters and confiding tone with loyalty worthy of any best friend. Readers who felt they came to intimately know characters such as Celia (Jessica Chastain) and Skeeter (Emma Stone) are likely to greet their alter egos on screen like cherished, long-lost friends — especially the nobly suffering Aibileen, here brought to quietly watchful life by Viola Davis. Skeeter gets a job as a newspaper cleaning-advice columnist, but when she asks Aibileen for some tips, she realizes that the real story lies in the emotional lives of black women who virtually raise their white employers' children, but who are treated by those same families as unfit to share a kitchen utensil, much less political or economic power. **A.H.**

ONE DAY (PG-13, 103 minutes) Anyone who has read the book will be prepared for the radical turn "One Day" takes; those who haven't may want to brace themselves. The star-crossed British couple at the center of this familiar object lesson are Emma and Dexter, whose college graduation-night hookup on

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July 15, 1988, ends in a platonic cuddle amid vows always to stay friends. "One Day," which screenwriter David Nicholls adapted from his own novel, then traces the erstwhile couple's friendship in episodic snapshots captured on succeeding July 15ths, tracing their lives and careers as the brainy, slightly cynical Emma seeks the writer's life and Dexter — rich, spoiled, lazy — becomes a cheesy MTV talk show host. As personified by Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess, Emma and Dexter make for a pretty convincing friends-who-should-be-lovers couple, a la Harry and Sally et alia. **A.H.**

RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES (PG-13, 110 minutes) First, the good news. "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," the much-anticipated prequel to the sci-fi movie franchise of the late '60s and early '70s about a world ruled by apes, gets one thing exactly right. The apes, which we see on the cusp of world domination, are both terrifying and sympathetic. That's not an easy trick. Yet it's critical to this origin story, which charts the ascent of a hyper-intelligent chimp named Caesar (Andy Serkis, in motion-capture CGI) to the role of leader of an ape underground,

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Freida Pinto, left, and James Franco star in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes."

after suffering abuse at the hands of a sadistic handler at a primate shelter (Tom Felton). Caesar and his simian followers are both relatable and scary as heck. Now for the bad news. The filmmakers seem to have spent so much attention and, presumably, money on getting the primates right that they completely forgot about the people. Led by a mumble-mouthed James Franco the cast of human actors is uniformly weak. **M.O.**

THE SMURFS (PG, 102 minutes) Raja Gosnell relies on cutting-edge CGI and unnecessary 3-D wizardry to transport the pint-size heroes of the '80s to noisy New York City. Once here, the Smurfs interact with incredulous humans, impart a little homespun wisdom and help make our grungy existence a tad more animated. A paper-thin plot finds six Smurfs sucked through a magical vortex and dropped into Central Park. Hot on the Smurfs' blue trail is evil sorcerer Gargamel (Hank Azaria) and his feisty cat, Azrael. Luckily, the Smurfs take shelter with gentle Grace ("Glee" star Jayma Mays) and her workaholic husband, Patrick (Neil Patrick Harris), who both need to be reminded that life moves pretty fast, and if you don't stop to smurf the roses every now and again, you just might miss the special moments. **S.O.**

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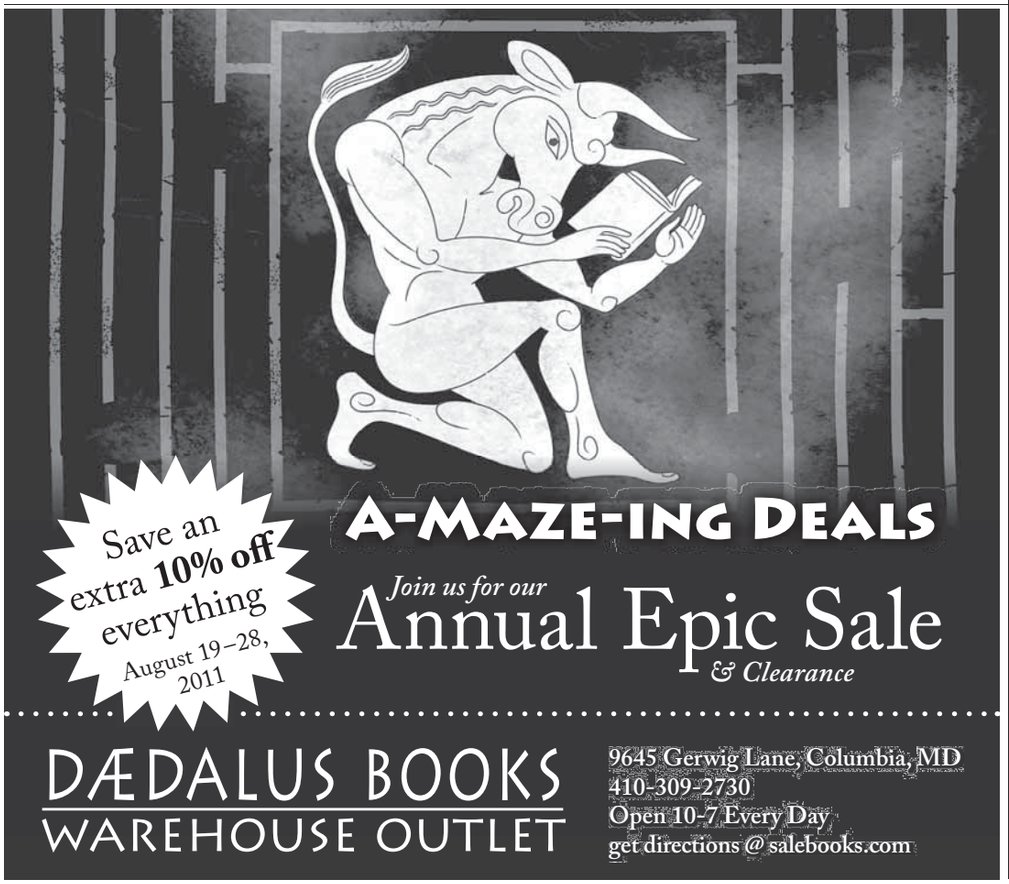

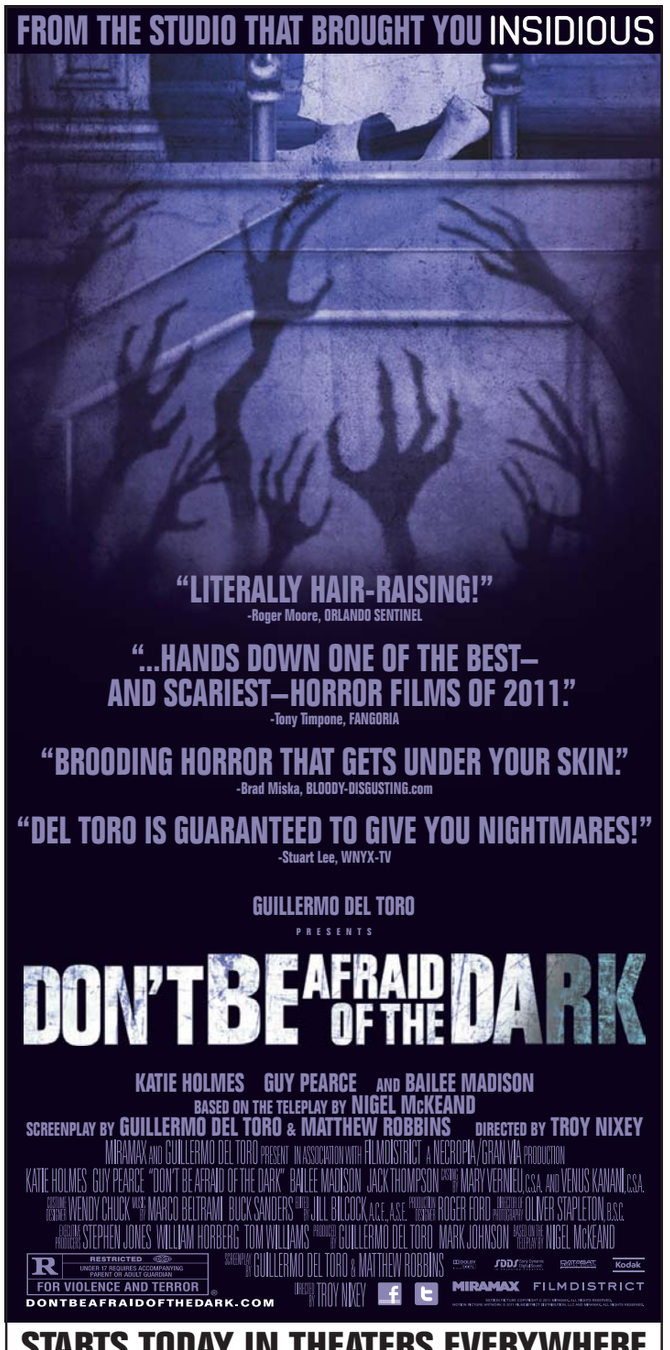

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1 Seek Truth And Ridicule It

Wyatt Cenac, left, has made his name as a correspondent on "The Daily Show," where he's been making fun of horrible people since 2008. Cenac's stand-up differs from his "Daily Show" appearances, of course — he can't just interview total morons on stage, although he could probably find some smoking outside — but it's still smart and funny. ***Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington; Fri., 7:30 and 9:55 p.m., $25; 703-486-2345, Arlingtondrafthouse.com.***

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One Day (PG-13) 4:10-6:50-9:20-11:50
Fright Night (R) 12:50-12:25
Colombiana (PG-13) 11:50-2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15-12:45

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) English Subtitles: 2:20-4:40-7:00-9:20
Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness (NR) English Subtitles: 2:50-7:20-9:40
El Bulli - Cooking in Progress (NR) English Subtitles: 5:00-7:40-10:00
Life in a Day (PG-13) 3:10-5:20

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) No Passes: (!) 12:50-2:50-4:55-7:05
The Guard (R) No Passes: (!) 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:25-9:30
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 2:30-9:15
Flash Gordon (PG) 4:15
Breaking Away (NR) 6:30
Lifeforce (R) 11:00
The Man Who Wasn't There (R) 8:45

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20
Final Destination 5 3D (R) 12:45-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:25
Fright Night 3D (R) (!) 2:15-4:45-7:30-10:15
Fright Night (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:30AM
Colombiana (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:00-9:45
The Help (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:50-3:15-6:50-10:00
Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) (!) 1:45-7:15-9:50
Conan the Barbarian (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:00-4:20
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:45-2:00-4:15-6:45-9:15

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

One Day (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:30-4:40-7:15-9:50
The Help (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
Our Idiot Brother (R) Digital Presentation: 12:50-3:10-5:25-7:45-10:00
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 3:25-8:00
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:10-5:45-10:40
Colombiana (PG-13) 1:45-4:55-7:30-10:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

The Smurfs 3D (PG) 2:00-7:25
Final Destination 5 3D (R) 11:25-1:55-4:20-6:50-9:20-11:45
Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:15-2:55-5:35-8:15-10:50-12:25
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Our Idiot Brother (R) (!) 10:30-12:55-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:35
Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 10:30
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The Help (PG-13) 11:30-12:40-2:50-4:00-6:10-7:20-9:30

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:05-9:30
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 2:35-5:00-7:30-9:50
Incendies (R) 2:30-6:00-9:00
The Guard (R) 2:15-4:50-7:15-9:35
Our Idiot Brother (R) (!) 2:10-4:40-7:00-9:20
The Whistleblower (R) 1:25-4:10-6:50-9:40
The Names of Love (Le nom des gens) (R) 1:45-4:20-6:45-9:15
One Day (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:45

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Fright Night 3D (R) (!) 5:10-7:50-10:20
Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) (!) 2:30-4:40-6:50-9:10
Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) (!) 5:00-7:30-10:00
Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2:05-4:55-7:45-10:25
Conan the Barbarian (R) 2:20
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 1:50-4:20-6:40-9:00
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 2:00-4:25-7:05-9:40
Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 2:10-4:45-7:20-10:05
The Help (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Fright Night (R) 2:40
Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) 3:00-5:20-8:00-10:20
Colombiana (PG-13) 2:15-5:05-7:40-10:15

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

30 Minutes or Less (R) RW & DA: 1:25-4:35-7:10-10:15
Final Destination 5 3D (R) (!) 1:45-5:10-7:35-10:05
Fright Night 3D (R) (!) 4:10-8:00-10:30
Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) Digital Projection: 2:10-4:40-7:40-10:40
The Smurfs (PG) 1:05-4:45-7:15
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One Day (PG-13) 1:20-4:00-7:00-9:45
Fright Night (R) 1:30
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1:35-4:55-7:55-10:35
Colombiana (PG-13) 1:50-4:50-7:30-10:20

Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

The Smurfs 3D (PG) (!) 2:25-7:15
Final Destination 5 3D (R) (!) 2:00-4:25-6:50-9:05-11:20
Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) Digital Projection: 2:55-5:35-8:00-10:20-12:30
Fright Night 3D (R) (!) 12:55-3:45-6:25-8:55-11:30
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: (!) 12:45-3:35
Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) (!) 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10-12:25
Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) (!) 5:00-10:35
The Help (PG-13) RW: 3:10-6:15-9:25-12:05
The Smurfs (PG) 4:50-9:40
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) (!) 3:50-8:30
Transformers: Dark of the Moon: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: (!) 6:30-10:00
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 1:25-7:05
Attack the Block (R) 1:05-3:15-5:55-8:20-10:45
Conan the Barbarian (R) 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:15-11:55
Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2:15-7:45
Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 12:50-3:25-6:05-8:45-11:35
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 1:40-6:10-10:40
Our Idiot Brother (R) 2:45-5:05-7:20-9:45-12:05
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 2:30-4:55-7:25-9:55-12:20
30 Minutes or Less (R) 1:10-3:20-5:25-8:05-10:30
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Colombiana (PG-13) 1:30-4:00-6:45-9:20-11:50

VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:20-2:50-5:20-8:00-10:30
Colombiana (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 2:10-4:50-7:25-10:00
The Help (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 2:20-5:30-9:00
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) (!) 12:10-4:40-9:30
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 2:30-7:20
Friends With Benefits (R) 1:30-6:50
The Change-Up (R) 4:10-9:40
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 12:00-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:20
Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:50
The Help (PG-13) 12:40-3:50-7:00-10:10

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:40-12:55-4:10
The Smurfs 3D (PG) (!) 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45
The Change-Up (R) Digital Presentation: 6:30-9:20-12:15
Horrible Bosses (R) Digital Presentation: 7:15-9:55-12:20
Final Destination 5 3D (R) 10:25
One Day (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:40-1:25-4:05-6:40-9:25-12:10
Fright Night 3D (R) 9:45-12:25-3:10-5:55-8:40-11:30
Fright Night (R) Digital Presentation: 11:10-1:55-4:40-7:20-10:05
Colombiana (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:55-1:40-4:25-7:10-10:00-12:40
The Help (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 9:50-1:10-4:35-8:00-11:25
Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) 11:40-2:30-5:20-8:10-11:00
Our Idiot Brother (R) Digital Presentation: 10:45-1:15-3:35-6:05-8:30-10:55
Transformers: Dark of the Moon: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: (!) 10:20-4:15-10:20
Midnight in Paris (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:50-2:10-4:30
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 10:30-3:15-8:15
Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) (!) 11:25-1:45-4:10
Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) 10:05-4:00-10:10
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:50-5:45-10:45
Final Destination 5 IMAX 3D (R) IMAX 3D: 1:50-7:50
Conan the Barbarian (R) 10:15-1:05-4:00-6:50-9:40-12:25
Quick (NR) 10:35-1:30-4:30-7:35-10:30
The Help (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:30-2:55-6:20-9:45
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Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) (!) 6:45-9:35-12:25
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The Help (PG-13) 9:50-1:10-4:35-8:00-11:25

Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/

Conan the Barbarian (R) (!) 5:00-7:30-10:00
One Day (PG-13) (!) 5:20-7:45-10:00

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com

The Smurfs 3D (PG) (!) 5:00-10:10
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) (!) 4:10-10:05
Final Destination 5 3D (R) (!) 3:20-5:45-8:10-10:35
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One Day (PG-13) 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20
Fright Night (R) 2:30

Regal Kingstowne 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center

The Smurfs 3D (PG) (!) 12:20-10:15
Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) RW/DA: 12:25-2:55-5:25-8:00-10:30
Final Destination 5 3D (R) (!) 1:25-3:40-6:00-8:15-10:35
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Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) (!) 12:00-9:35
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Colombiana (PG-13) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:10-10:40

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com

Final Destination 5 3D (R) (!) 1:05-1:50-3:15-5:25-6:55-8:05-9:35-10:35-11:35
The Help (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 12:45
The Smurfs (PG) 12:45-3:10-5:35-8:00
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TV weekend lookout

Who You Gonna Call?

'Rat Busters NYC' duo hunts and disposes of the Big Apple's vermin

Reality

FRI 10:00 Tonight, Animal Planet brings us "Rat Busters NYC," concerning two Gotham guys who never left the city and have dedicated their professional lives to battling its vermin.

The new series stars Jimmy Tallman and Michael Morales, the Brooklyn born-and-bred operators of Magic Exterminating. Jimmy is older and a tad gruff, while Michael exudes empathy for their clients, some of whom are eccentric, to say the least. We first encounter a Brooklyn musician reporting a bed bug infestation. When the guys find scant evidence of the crawling critters, they consult a colleague whose expertise on bed bug eradication has inspired a book that has earned him an appearance on "Good Morning America." The author convinces them that their client is actually suffering from a case of media delusion. He's seen so many stories on bed bugs that he believes he's suffering too, even when he's not.

DISCOVERY

Jimmy Tallerman and Michael Morales spend their days battling New York's rats.

Their other customers' problems are all too real. South Bronx native Tishia has just purchased a convenience store. The former owner skipped town before cleaning out the spooky basement, and it has become home to at least 50 rats.

The boys go after the rodents like commandos. Or comic killers out of a Quentin Tarantino movie. After watching them dispatch rats with equal parts black humor and zeal, you almost forget this is Animal Planet, a network once sympathetic to the critter. Now, it's a haven for New Yorkers with attitude, who have jobs to do and a customer base that's not necessarily sane.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

FRI 8:00 **Friends With Benefits** (NBC) Sara (Danneel Ackles, right) is reluctant to attend her sister's baby shower in Louisiana after the siblings argue over a family heirloom, but her friends reassure her that they'll help her get through the visit.

SUN 8:00 **Curiosity** (DSC) The story has been told, retold and dramatized on-screen many times in the almost 100 years since the Titanic sank, but how much do we really know? This new episode attempts to piece together the whole story of how and why the ship went down.

SUN 10:00 **Against the Wall** (LIFE) Abby's investigation into a stripper's murder leads to the discovery that she died at a private club for police officers where Don, Abby's dad, is a member.

SUN 10:30

Entourage (HBO) Vince tries to mend fences with journalist Sophia Lear. Ari's (Jeremy Piven, left) lawyer gives him a wake-up call about his divorce. Eric gets some unsettling news from Johnny Galecki and an unexpected gift from Melinda Clarke. And Turtle explores a new venture with his East Coast partners. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Boxing

Inside the Ring

Gearing up for their Sept. 17 "Star Power" bout in Las Vegas, Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Victor Ortiz, right, are featured in this edition of HBO's "24/7" sports documentary series (Sat., 10 p.m.). Including behind-the-scenes access and in-depth interviews, the show will follow the fighters over four episodes as they train for and promote their pay-per-view fight. (TM)

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Today's Question

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Thursday's Results

HAS THE U.S. FULFILLED MLK'S VISION FROM THE 'I HAVE A DREAM' SPEECH?

"The country has never seen a leader of the ilk of MLK since his assassination. That horrible day, April 4, 1968, marked a steady decline in U.S. race relations."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

"Have we, as a countrry, made strides? Depends on who you ask. I'd personally say no. A lot of the barriers to equality, have just gone underground. Racism is still extremely rampant and blacks still do not have equal representation."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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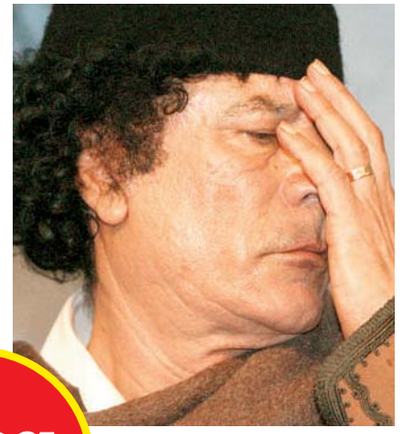
"OK, this is kind of cool. Tennis and the New York Times being weirdly not-stodgy, everybody!"

— **DEADSPIN.COM** ENJOYS THE LATEST COVER OF THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, WHICH FEATURES AN IMAGE OF COMEDIAN ANDY SAMBERG POSING AS BOTH JOHN MCENROE AND BJORN BORG IN THE '70S.

Blog Log



"Why, however, Gaddafi insists on using old-world physical photo albums instead of simply posting his pictures on Facebook and tagging Condi is a question for the ages. You can't take that photo album with you when you flee, sir!"

— **BLOGS.VILLAGEVOICE.COM** POKES FUN AT REPORTS THAT AN ALBUM FULL OF PICTURES OF CONDOLEEZA RICE WAS FOUND WHEN MOAMMAR GADHAFI'S TRIPOLI COMPOUND WAS LOOTED.

"To everyone freaking out over #AaliyahsAirplanePlaylist: you know it's only trending because you're posting tweets complaining about it, ya?"

— **@SPASTIKCHUWAWA** REACTS TO THE GRIM TRENDING TOPIC THAT WAS FEATURED ON TWITTER ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AALIYAH'S DEATH IN A PLANE CRASH IN THE BAHAMAS.

"Simply digitizing Vick is not a crime worthy of picketing The Worldwide Leader. The issue here is ESPN deciding to pander to the lowest common denominator and utilizing race as shock value rather than discussion building."

— **JAYREAS.COM** THOUGHT THE IMAGE OF A WHITE MICHAEL VICK THAT ESPN PAIRED WITH A STORY ONLINE BY WRITER TOURÉ ABOUT VICK AND RACIAL POLITICS IN FOOTBALL TOOK AWAY FROM THE MESSAGE OF THE PIECE.

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Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you can imagine it, you can do it — and if you can do it, then you can certainly imagine even more. You're at a creative zenith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may not want to follow precisely in another footsteps, but you will surely benefit from forging a parallel path.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are discovering that you're not as uninvolved as you had thought — and now you will feel more free to do what you know is necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can make things far more colorful for those around you simply by doing what you do in your own inimitable fashion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take care that what you say and do are precisely what you mean to say and do — or you will surely be misinterpreted at every turn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have others thinking that you're only in the game temporarily, but you will have the last laugh. It's yours to win.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Now is no time for tricks; you'll want to be straightforward, honest and aboveboard in all things — or risk losing something of value.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're going to have to put yourself in another's shoes in order to understand a situation that is fast approaching you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Just when you thought you could give yourself a well-deserved rest, you're likely to realize that something else needs attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Yes, you're calling the shots in a certain situation, but this doesn't mean that asking others for their input is the wrong thing to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take care that your own enthusiasm doesn't actually turn against you and put you in a vulnerable position. Stay in control at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Questions of policy and protocol are likely to be unavoidable as you delve into issues at home and at the workplace.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 195-205, BEST SCORE 265

							Double Word Score	RACK 1
E1	U1	Y4	P3	T1	F4	S1		
								RACK 2
A1	O1	U1	D2	G2	N1	R1		
								RACK 3
E1	I1	O1	N1	N1	R1	F4		
							1st Letter Triple	RACK 4
A1	U1	Y4	N1	N1	D2	H4		

Yesterday's Solution

M3	I1	D2	W4	E1	E1	K5	RACK 1 =	101
N1	E1	U1	T1	R1	A1	L1	RACK 2 =	57
U1	N1	H4	I1	T1	C3	H4	RACK 3 =	65
N1	I1	A1	C3	I1	N1		RACK 4 =	11
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	234

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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5			9	8				
	9	7	3	4				
		1						
6			7				9	
	7	4				2	8	
	1				5			7
						5		
				6	9	8	2	
				3	8			1

Yesterday's Solution

2	5	6	8	3	7	4	9	1
1	8	4	9	2	6	5	3	7
9	7	3	1	4	5	2	6	8
3	1	8	7	9	2	6	5	4
6	4	9	3	5	8	1	7	2
5	2	7	6	1	4	3	8	9
4	6	2	5	8	9	7	1	3
7	9	1	4	6	3	8	2	5
8	3	5	2	7	1	9	4	6

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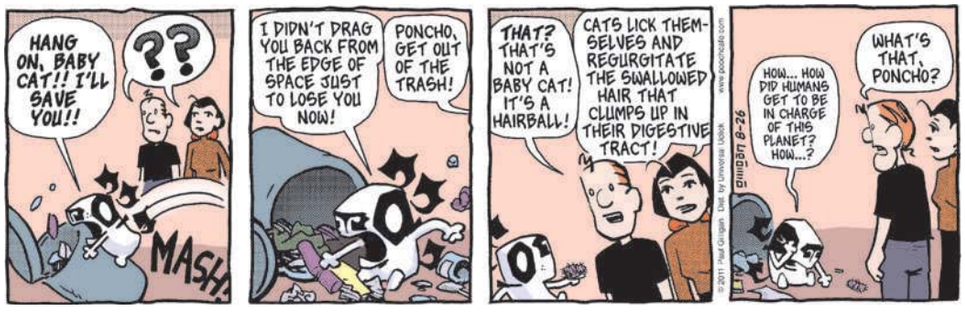

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Forecast

86 | 72

Today: Humid today with a thunderstorm. A shower or thunderstorm tonight.

82 | 70

Tomorrow: Periods of rain tomorrow. A little wind and rain tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
81 | 66	83 | 65	87 | 68

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:31 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:48 p.m.
Moonrise today: 3:34 a.m.
Moonset today: 6:01 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 86
Record high: 97
Normal low: 69
Record low: 54

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Crossword

NOT SO WELL-DEFINED

ACROSS

1 Bats flies?
6 Casual conversation
10 Arabian gulf or sultanate
14 Daphnis' love
15 "___! The Herald Angels Sing"
16 NASCAR legend Earnhardt
17 Become ready to eat
18 Capital punishment?
20 Combustion residue
21 Bit of footwear
23 Balance sheet listing
24 Exodus tyrant
26 Rowing equipment
28 Woman worth wading for?
33 Sharp mountain spur
35 Bullfight cheers
36 Prefix with "conservative" or "colonial"
37 Handy bag
38 Auctioneer's tool
40 Wine holder
41 Mai ___ (cocktail)
42 Tree trunk
43 Rhode Island's is "Hope"
44 His work is in ruins?
48 Fairy tale monster
49 Prepare for use, as software
52 Spouting flames
55 Certain astringent
56 Dove call
57 When actions creak louder than words?
60 Genus of garden pests
62 Fashion mag
63 Something fishy?
64 "And ___ you have it!"
65 Doesn't raise or fold
66 Brothers' nephews
67 Diving duck

DOWN

1 Metal to be recycled
2 Curtain-in-the-breeze sound
3 Certain letter arrangement
4 Tub temperature tester
5 Perceived by sight, sound, touch, e.g.
6 Rodriguez of the links
7 Legendary country singer Williams
8 Joan of ___
9 Boxing match outcome, sometimes
10 Black Sea port
11 They may be left on doorsteps
12 Wings, to Ovid
13 Barber's word
19 Foals' mothers
22 Crowd's response to a fireworks display
25 Hotel room fee
26 Leer at
27 One of Seth's brothers
29 Source for a movie, often
30 Single
31 New driver's hurdle
32 John Lennon's wife Ono
33 Princess in "A Bug's Life"
34 Surf's sound
38 Word with "movie" or "party"
39 Moisturizer ingredient
40 Part of a profit calculation
42 Lox partner
43 Join wrongly
45 Swarming crowds
46 Old NFL team
47 Wildebeest
50 Tours river
51 Person faking a smile at an awards show
52 City north of Des Moines
53 Manicurist's tool
54 Wait at the light
55 Literary conflict
58 Goddess of the dawn
59 Shakespearean commotion
61 Honor society letter

Yesterday's Solution

P	A	G	E	D		M	A	A	S		A	U	R	A
A	N	O	D	E		A	B	U	T		C	R	A	B
S	I	T	I	N		T	A	K	E	A	H	I	K	E
S	L	O	T		M	E	L		P	R	E	S	E	T
		B	E	T	A		O	A	S	I	S			
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O	V	A		A	L	T	E	R			N	O	R	A
L	I	Z		L	O	W		E	T	A		E	N	T
A	N	E	W			A	S	E	A	T		T	I	E
R	E	S	I	N		S	T	R	E	T	C	H	E	D
			E	I	E	I	O		B	A	L	E		
F	A	U	L	T	S		R	O	O		O	L	E	O
L	E	N	D	A	N	E	A	R		A	V	I	A	N
A	R	T	E		E	D	G	E		S	E	N	S	E
G	O	O	D		S	T	E	S		P	R	E	Y	S

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Samurai Sudoku

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Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

	7	4			1							5			3	8	
5	1						9				1					4	5
2		9		5		8	1				9	5		3		6		7
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		7	9												8	1	
	9	1		6	4								9	2		7	5
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Last Week's Solution

5	6	3	7	8	9	2	4	1
1	8	9	2	3	4	7	6	5
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			9	8	3	1	4	2

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Today in History

58 B.C. Roman forces invade Britain, with limited success.

1883 The island volcano Krakatoa begins cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

1920 The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, is certified in effect.

1958 Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

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CUTE, LOUD

Kitten Being Groomed To Replace Elisabeth Hasselbeck on 'The View'

A kitten tossed from a moving car on New York City's Verrazano Bridge now has a name and a celebrity mom. Whoopi Goldberg recently posted a video of Vinny on her Facebook page. It shows the kitten grooming himself and batting a feather toy with his paw. Vinny was rescued in July by an animal control officer who was on the bridge when the cat was thrown. **(AP)**

TRADEMARKS

'Wahlpaper,' 'Wahlflower' Still Available — For Now

Donnie and Mark Wahlberg have licensed the name of a hamburger from Tom Wahl's, a New York State chain of drive-in-style restaurants, and plan to use it for their new eatery. They wanted the Wahlburger name to use when they and another sibling, Paul, open a burger joint named Wahlburgers Restaurant in Boston. **(AP)**

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The day they trademark "Wahlboard" is the day Home Depot needs to panic.

Weirdo Watch

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The new JimCarreyTruLife.com "showcases true life videos from Jim's daily life and serves as a more immediate way for Jim to connect to his fans," said a statement. In one of the first videos, Carrey raves about Emma Stone and how, if he were younger, he would marry her. **(EXPRESS)**

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COMMUNICATION

'So, You Won't Go Out With Me?'

Pitbull said he in no way wanted to damage Lindsay Lohan's career by using her name in the song "Give Me Everything." In a video made for his official fansite, the rapper says he thought the lawsuit brought by Lohan against him was a joke at first. "I thought it would be helping someone's career and keeping them relevant" by mentioning them in a lyric, he explained. **(EXPRESS)**

NO MYSTERY

When Ashton's Career Dies, Though, We'll Know How

On "The Late Show" Wednesday, Ashton Kutcher confirmed to David Letterman that Charlie Sheen's "Two and a Half Men" character dies, but would reveal no other details. When asked how Sheen's character kicks the bucket, Kutcher said "he dies because he is no longer living." When asked "how" once more, Kutcher explained, "it's a death scenario." **(EXPRESS)**

"Someone asked if we give reality show characters stars? Hell to the No!"

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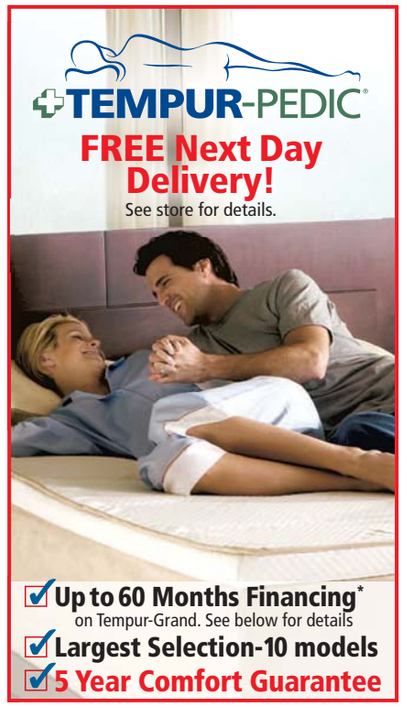

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